

Business Committee

Minutes BC(3)30-10

Date: Tuesday 16 November 2010

Time: 08.30

Venue: Committee Room 4, Ty Hywel

Assembly Members in Attendance

Dafydd Elis-Thomas, Presiding Officer (Chair)

Jane Hutt, Minister for Business and Budget

Nick Ramsay, Welsh Conservatives Business Manager

Peter Black, Welsh Liberal Democrats Business Manager

Jocelyn Davies, Plaid Cymru Business Manager

Officials in Attendance

Adrian Crompton, Director of Assembly Business

Marion Stapleton, Assembly Business and Legislation Management Division

Aled Eirug, Constitutional Consultant

Sian Wilkins, Head of Legislation and Chamber Services

Sulafa Halstead, Head of Assembly Committees

Anna Daniel, Clerk of the Business Committee

Llinos Madeley, Business Committee Secretariat

1. Apologies & announcements

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

BC(3)29-10 (Draft minutes) – Tuesday 9 November 2010

2.1 The minutes were presented to the Committee in their draft format. As there were no comments, they would be translated in readiness for publication.

Action: Business Committee Secretariat

3. Forthcoming Business

This Week's Business - BC(3)30-10(p1)

3.1 The Business Committee noted that a temporary Deputy Presiding Officer would be elected at the start of Wednesday's meeting, in the absence of the Presiding Officer.

3.2 The Business Committee agreed to change the order of Assembly business so that the questions to the Assembly Commission would take place before the motion to appoint a Standards Commissioner.

3.3 The Committee agreed that Voting Time would take place no earlier than 5.00pm on Tuesday and Wednesday.

3.4 The Committee noted the organisation of business for 16 and 17 November 2010.

3 Week Timetable of Government Business - BC(3)30-10(p2)

3.5 The Committee noted the 3 Week Timetable of Government Business.

3 Week Timetable of Assembly and Non-Government Business - BC(3)30-10(p3)

3.6 The Business Committee agreed to reschedule Nick Bourne's short debate (NDM4568 Protecting Rural Health Services) on 24 November 2010.

3.7 The Committee determined the organisation of Assembly Business.

3.8 The Committee determined the organisation of non-government Business.

4. Legislation

(i) Proposed Housing (Wales) Measure

Paper from the Minister on the Proposed Housing (Wales) Measure – BC(3)30-10(p4a); Illustrative timetable – BC(3)30-

10(p4b)

Paper from Legislation Office regarding the referral and timetable for the proposed Housing (Wales) Measure – BC(3)30-10(p5)

4.1 The Business Committee agreed to refer the proposed Housing (Wales) Measure to Legislation Committee No.2. The Business Committee provisionally agreed a deadline of 17 December 2010 to report on the general principles of the Measure, subject to further discussion with the committee.

5. Review of Standing Orders

(i) Review of Standing Orders: SO 27 Finance procedures – BC(3)30-10(p6)

Annex A – Table of Changes – BC(3)30-10(p6a)

Annex B – Revised Standing Order – BC(3)30-10(p6b)

5.1 The Business Committee considered papers relating to finance procedures (Standing Order 27). Business Managers agreed to consult their groups on the proposed changes, with a view to considering them further at the fifth public meeting of Business Committee on 30 November.

(ii) Review of Standing Orders: SO 30 Reports of proceedings – BC(3)30-10(p7)

Annex A – Table of Changes – BC(3)30-10(p7a)

Annex B – Revised Standing Order – BC(3)30-10(p7b)

5.2 The Business Committee considered papers relating to and reports of proceedings (Standing Order 30). Business Managers requested a revised proposal for their consideration, reflecting more closely the provisions of the Government of Wales Act.

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