Business Committee

Meeting Venue: Committee Room 4 – Ty Hywel

Meeting date: Monday, 14 May 2012

Meeting time: 13:15 – 13:45





Minutes:

Committee Members: Rosemary Butler (Chair)

Peter Black Jocelyn Davies William Graham Jane Hutt

Committee Staff: Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)

Others in attendance:

Adrian Crompton, Director of Assembly Business
Sarah Beasley, Clerk, Legislation Office

Marion Stapleton, Welsh Government

1. Apologies & announcements

There were no apologies.

2. Amending Standing Orders: Private Bills

Business Managers agreed to consider a revised draft of the proposed Standing Orders at a future Business Committee meeting, after which the Secretariat would prepare a report to be laid before the Assembly.

2(i) Introduction of Private Bills (SO 26A.1 – 26A.14)

Business Managers considered the alternative approaches to proposed Standing Order 26A.6 outlined by officials.

Business Managers noted that determining fees would be a matter for the Assembly Commission.

Business Managers also noted how proposed Standing Order 26A.13 set broad requirements in terms of publishing and publicising the notice.

Business Managers agreed in principle to proposed Standing Orders 26A.1 - 26A.14.

2(ii) Objection Period (SO 26A.15 – 26A.24)

Business Managers agreed in principle to the proposed Standing Orders 26A.15 - 26A.24.

2(iii) Private Bill Committees (SO 26A.25 - 26A.36)

Business Managers noted that proposed Standing Order 26.31 sets a requirement that members of a Private Bill Committee undergo training.

Business Managers agreed in principle to the proposed Standing Orders 26A.25 – 26A.36.

2(iv) Initial Consideration (SO 26A.37 - 26A.44)

Business Managers sought clarification on how the issues that would be considered at Initial Consideration differed from those that the Presiding Officer would take into account in giving permission for the Bill to be laid.

Business Managers agreed in principle to the proposed Standing Orders 26A.37 - 26A.44.

2(v) Detailed Committee Consideration (SO26A.45 – 26A.70)

Business Managers agreed in principle to the proposed Standing Orders 26A.45 – 26A.70.

2(vi) Detailed Assembly Consideration (SO26A.71 - 26A.83)

Business Managers agreed in principle to the proposed Standing Orders 26A.45 – 26A.70.

2(vii) Final Stage and Reconsideration of Private Bills Passed (SO26A.84 - 26A.94)

Business Managers agreed in principle to the proposed Standing Orders 26A.84 - 26A.94.

2(viii) Amendments to Private Bills (SO26A.95 – 26A.104)

Business Managers agreed in principle to the proposed Standing Orders 26A.95 - 26A.104.

2(ix) Change of Promoter and Her Majesty's and Duke of Cornwall's Consent (SO26A.105 - 26A.112)

Business Managers agreed in principle to the proposed Standing Orders 26A.105 - 26A.112.

2(x) Financial Resolutions (SO26A.113 - 26A.119)

Business Managers agreed in principle to the proposed Standing Orders 26A.113 - 26A.119.

2(xi) Notification of Royal Assent to Private Acts of the Assembly and Fall, Rejection or Withdrawal of Private Bills (SO26A.120 - 26A.123)

Business Managers agreed in principle to the proposed Standing Orders 26A.113 - 26A.119.

2(xii) Consequential Changes to Standing Orders (SO15.1)

Business Managers agreed in principle to the consequential changes to Standing Order 15.1.