

Business Committee

Meeting Venue: **Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor - Ty Hywel**

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 4 December 2012**

Meeting time: **08:30 - 09:00**

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Minutes:

Committee Members:

Rosemary Butler (Chair)
Jocelyn Davies
William Graham
Jane Hutt
Aled Roberts

Committee Staff:

Anna Daniel (Clerk)

Others in attendance:

David Melding, Deputy Presiding Officer
Adrian Crompton, Director of Assembly Business
Siân Wilkins, Head of Legislation and Chamber Services
Craig Stephenson, Principal Private Secretary to the Presiding Officer
Peter Greening, Welsh Government
Marion Stapleton, Welsh Government

1. Apologies & announcements

Apologies were received by Virginia Hawkins, Acting Head of Assembly Committees.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were noted by the Committee for publication.

3. Organisation of Business

3(i) This Week's Business

The Business Committee noted that the statement by the Minister for Education and Skills on the Future direction of the Regulation and Qualifications in Wales has been withdrawn on Tuesday and that the debate on the Annual Budget will be taken as the last item of business.

Business Managers agreed the request to postpone the Short Debate on Wednesday. The Business Committee reiterated that requests to postpone items of business should not appear on the This Week's Business paper unless at Business Managers' request.

The Business Committee also agreed the proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the draft Council Tax Reduction Scheme Regulations together but with separate votes. Business Managers noted the importance of post legislative scrutiny of the Regulations.

The Business Committee agreed that Voting would take place after the last item of business on both Tuesday and Wednesday.

3(ii) Three week timetable of Government Business

The Committee noted the 3 Week Timetable of Government Business.

3(iii) Three week timetable of Assembly Business

The Business Committee agreed to schedule the following items of business:

Tuesday 8 January 2013

- Short Debate – Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central) (30 mins) – postponed from 21 November

Wednesday 23 January 2013

- Debate on the Enterprise and Business Committee's Inquiry into Apprenticeships in Wales (60 mins)

The Committee determined the organisation of business.

4. Plenary

4(i) Oral Assembly Questions

Following consultation with their groups, the Business Committee agreed to defer the discussion on reviewing Oral Assembly Questions to the additional meeting scheduled for 7 January 2013.

5. Legislation

5(i) National Assembly for Wales Legislative Consent Motions UK legislative programme 2012-13

The Business Committee noted a paper from the Leader of the House providing an update on the progress of all UK Parliament Bills, including those in draft, announced in the 2012 Queen's Speech.

5(ii) Local Government Democracy (Wales) Bill: Letter from the Chair of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

The Business Committee agreed to extend the reporting deadlines for the Bill. Business Managers agreed a deadline of 22 March 2013 for Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee to report on the general principles of the Bill. Subject to the Bill being agreed at Stage 1, the Business Committee agreed that Stage 2 Committee proceedings should be completed by 24 May 2013.