

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

Hywel

Meeting date: 24 November 2015

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.50

## Private

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### Attendance

| Category             | Names  |
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| Committee Members:   | David Melding (Chair)<br>Paul Davies<br>Jane Hutt<br>Elin Jones<br>Aled Roberts  |
| Committee Staff:     | Siân Wilkins (Clerk)   |
| Others in attendance | Craig Stephenson, Director of Commission Services<br>Peter Greening, Welsh Government<br>Christopher Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation<br>Committee Service |

## 1 Apologies & announcements

Apologies were received from the Presiding Officer.



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## **2 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes were noted by the Committee for publication.

## **3 Organisation of Business**

### **3.1 This Week's Business**

The Minister for Finance and Government Business updated the Committee on changes to Government Business on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, Voting Time would be after the final item of business. On Wednesday, Business Committee agreed that Voting Time would take place before the Short Debate.

### **3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business**

Business Committee noted the 3 Week Timetable of Government Business.

### **3.3 Three week timetable of Assembly Business**

Business Committee determined the organisation of business and agreed to schedule the following items of business:

#### **Wednesday 9 December 2016 –**

- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)

#### **Wednesday 13 January 2016 –**

- Draft Wales Bill (180 mins)

Business Committee agreed to re-schedule the following item of business:

#### **Wednesday 9 December 2016 –**

- ~~Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins) – to be re-scheduled for 27 January 2016~~

### 3.4 Individual Member Debate: Selection of Motion for Debate

Business Committee selected the two tabled motions for debate.

#### Wednesday 2 December 2015

- **NNDM5881**  
**David Rees (Aberavon)**  
**Mike Hedges (Swansea East)**  
**Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of steel production to the Welsh economy.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) continue to do all that it can to support the steel industry during these difficult times.
  - b) take urgent action on a number of areas including addressing the high energy costs faced by energy intensive industries in Wales, such as steel, to ensure they can be competitive with other European producers in a global market.

#### Wednesday 9 December 2015

- **NNDM5885**  
**Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West)**

**Suzy Davies (South Wales West)**

**Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the value of the arts and creativity in the education and development of our young people; providing a rich experience in their own right but also helping to improve a child's concentration, stimulating their imagination and creativity, building confidence, raising aspiration and giving them a greater understanding and empathy for others;
2. Notes with concern that over the last decade constraints on local authority budgets have put non-statutory music services under increasing pressure;
3. Notes the conclusion of the task and finish group on music services in Wales that key challenges facing music services in Wales include the disparity of existing provision and growing inequality of opportunity to access services; and
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to develop a national strategy on music education so that every child has the opportunity to participate in a range of musical experiences, to reduce financial barriers to accessing these services and to ensure that high quality services are sustained despite reductions in school and local authority budgets.

### 3.5 Scrutiny of the Draft Wales Bill

Business Managers considered a paper setting out possible options for scrutinising the Draft Wales Bill in Plenary. Business Managers decided to table a 3 hour Plenary debate on Wednesday 13 January and return to the matter again next week to decide on the structure of the debate.

## **4 Legislation**

### **4.1 Legislative Consent: Trade Union Bill**

Business Committee considered a paper from the government regarding a Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) in relation to the Trade Union Bill.

Business Managers agreed to refer the LCM to the Enterprise and Business Committee for scrutiny. The Business Committee also agreed that the Committee should report on the LCM by Thursday 21 January 2016 to allow the Legislative Consent Motion to be debated in Plenary on Tuesday 26 January 2016.

## **5 Committees**

### **5.1 Letter from the Health and Social Care Committee: Public Health (Wales) Bill**

Business Committee further considered the request by the Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee (HSC) to extend its reporting deadline for the Public Health (Wales) Bill from Friday 27 November 2015 to 11 December 2015. Business Managers agreed to return to the matter following the HSC's committee meeting on Wednesday should the committee require more time.