

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 29 November 2016

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.40

## Private

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM (Chair) Jane Hutt AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Paul Davies AM David J Rowlands AM
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Christopher Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service Helen Carey, Welsh Government

## 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

Apologies were received from the Deputy Presiding Officer.



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

The minutes for the meeting were agreed by the Committee for publication.

## **3 Organisation of Business**

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

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 Assembly business and agreed to schedule the following items of business:

#### **Wednesday 11 January 2017 -**

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the United Kingdom Independence Party (60 mins)

## **4 Legislation**

### **4.1 Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Bill**

Business Managers confirmed their in principle decision of 22 November to refer the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Bill to the Children, Young People and Education Committee for Stage 1 consideration. However, in light of the response from the committee that it would be extremely difficult to effectively scrutinise the Bill in the time allocated by the Government, Business Managers agreed to extend the deadline for Stage 1 consideration by two sitting weeks, from 7 April to 12 May 2017 and to extend the deadline for Stage 2 proceedings from 30 June to 14 July 2017.

## **4.2 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Digital Economy Bill**

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

Business Managers agreed to refer the LCM to the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee for scrutiny. The Business Committee also agreed that the Committee should report on the LCM by Thursday 19 January 2017 to allow the Legislative Consent Motion to be debated in Plenary on Tuesday 24 January 2017.

## **5 Paper to note**

### **5.1 Revised Guidance on Debates on Members' Legislative Proposals**

Business Managers noted the revised draft guidance to be issued to Members prior to the introduction of a new procedure for debating proposed Member legislation in Plenary.

## **Any Other Business**

The Presiding Officer reminded Business Managers that Members should remove their names from the ballot for OAQs, if they do not intend to table questions. Entering the ballot and then not tabling a question deprives other Members of the opportunity to do so.