

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 26 September 2017

Meeting time: 08.30 – 09.00

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM (Chair) Jane Hutt AM Paul Davies AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Gareth Bennett AM
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Ann Jones AM, Deputy Presiding Officer Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly Rhuanedd Richards, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd Christopher Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Helen Carey, Welsh Government



1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

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

Tuesday

- Business Managers agreed that Voting Time would be after the last item of business.

Wednesday

- Business Managers 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 4 October 2017 –

- ~~Debate on the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee report: Communities First – Lessons learnt (60 mins)~~ *postponed to 25 October*
- Debate on the Culture Welsh Language and Communications Committee's report 'Achieving the Ambition – Inquiry into the Welsh Government's new Welsh Language Strategy' (60 mins)

Wednesday 11 October 2017 –

- Time allocated to The United Kingdom Independence Party (60 mins) *–moved from 4 October*

Wednesday 18 October 2017 –

- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

3.4 Individual Member Debate: Selection of Motion for Debate

- Business Committee selected a motion for debate on 4 October:

NND6509

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)

Adam Price (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr)

David Melding (South Wales Central)

Mike Hedges (Swansea East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the need to mitigate global warming and support the Paris Accord of the 21st Conference of the Parties (“Paris Agreement”) by cutting carbon emissions and notes that this aligns with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.
2. Notes that the sustainable development principle was embedded in the Assembly by the Government of Wales Act 1998.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to commission further research into the feasibility of a personal carbon accounts pilot scheme in Wales.

‘Paris Accord of the 21st Conference of the Parties (‘Paris Agreement’)’

‘Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015’

‘Government of Wales Act 1998’

- Business Managers agreed to schedule the next Individual Members Debate on 18 October.

4 Legislation

4.1 Timetable for the consideration of the Regulation of Registered Social Landlords (Wales) Bill

- Business Managers agreed in principle to refer the Regulation of Registered Social Landlords (Wales) Bill to the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee (EAAL) for Stage 1 consideration.
- Business Managers agreed to write to the Chair of the EAAL Committee to consult on Stage 1 and Stage 2 timetable.

5 Committees

5.1 The effect of a Member leaving a political group

Business Managers agreed to return to the paper at next week's meeting.

5.2 Letter from the Standards of Conduct Committee

Business Managers agreed a request by the Standards of Conduct Committee to allow an additional meeting on alternate Tuesdays if required.

6 Assembly Reform

6.1 Assembly reform programme: proposed internal reforms

Business Managers noted the paper.

7 Papers to note

7.1 Letters from the Chairs of CLA and EAAL

Business Managers discussed the paper and whether Business Committee could lend its support to a view expressed by the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee that the National Assembly should be responsible for determining the procedure to be applied to the making of subordinate legislation by the Welsh Ministers. Business Managers agreed to confirm their response following the meeting.