

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 17 October 2017

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.37

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	Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly Christopher Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Rhuanedd Richards, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd Helen Carey, Welsh Government

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

The Deputy Presiding Officer sent her apologies.



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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

- 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 15 November 2017 –

- Debate on the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee report: Digital Infrastructure in Wales (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the United Kingdom Independence Party (60 mins)

3.4 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – Selection of motion for debate

- Business Committee selected a motion for debate on 25 October:

NNDM6350 [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes a proposal for a bill to alter the planning process so there would be a presumption against hydraulic fracturing (fracking).
2. Notes that the purpose of this bill would be to protect the landscape of Wales and public health.
 - Business Managers agreed to schedule the next debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal after half term.

4 Legislation

4.1 Letter from CLA – timetable for consideration of the LCM on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill 2017

In response to a request from CLA Committee to extend the deadline for the committee to report on the LCM on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill, Business Managers agreed a revised deadline of 23 November 2017. The extended deadline will also apply to the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee, as the LCM has been referred to both.

4.2 Paper to note – Business Committee report on the timetable for consideration of the Regulation of Registered Social Landlords (Wales) Bill

Business Committee noted the timetable for consideration of the Regulation of Registered Social Landlords (Wales) Bill as agreed at last week's meeting. It includes an extra week for Stage 1 scrutiny, and an additional slot for the committee to meet on Tuesday mornings; both at the request of EAAL Committee.

5 Committees

5.1 A report on the Business Committee's consideration of the impact of a Member leaving a political group on committee membership and the allocation of chairs

Business Managers agreed the report, which will be laid with the Table Office. Motions will be tabled and added to tomorrow's Plenary agenda to give effect to Business Committee decisions regarding membership of committees, subject to Plaid Cymru providing the names of Members to fill the vacancies on PAC and Petitions, and Neil McEvoy indicating that he wishes to take up the offer of a place on the Petitions

Committee. The motions will be grouped for debate but with separate votes, and they will all need to be passed by a two-thirds majority.