

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 14 November 2017

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.44

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM, Llywydd (Chair) Julie James 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 Gwion Evans, Head of the Llywydd's Private Office 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

Julie James again formally substituted for Jane Hutt, as no membership changes were made last week. A motion would be tabled later today for Julie James to replace Jane Hutt as a Member of the Business Committee, and would be on Wednesday's Plenary agenda.

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

- Today's Plenary would begin with tributes to Carl Sargeant AM. The Llywydd informed Business Managers that she would open the session and then call for a minute's silence which will be started and ended by the bell; a photograph of Carl will be displayed on the screens throughout the session. The Llywydd stated that she would call Party Leaders, followed by Members most closely associated with Carl, followed by others if time allows. The Llywydd informed Business Managers that she intended suspend Plenary for up to 30 minutes following the item, but would aim to resume at 2pm, even if tributes overrun. The Llywydd also informed Business Managers that Members of Carl's family would be present in the public gallery for the tributes.
- Voting Time would take place after the last item of business.

Wednesday

- The Llywydd informed Business Managers that she would invite nominations for the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee at the start of Plenary. Should there be a contest, voting would take place by secret ballot between 2.00 and 4.00 with the result announced before Voting Time.
- A motion for Julie James to replace Jane Hutt as a Member of the Business Committee would be added to Wednesday's agenda.

- 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 22 November 2017 -

- ~~Members Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)~~ – *postponed to 29 November*
- ~~Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)~~ – *postponed to 29 November*
- Debate on the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee report: Digital Infrastructure in Wales (60 mins) – *postponed from 15 November*
- Time allocated to the United Kingdom Independence Party (60 mins) – *postponed from 15 November*
- Short Debate – Neil Hamilton (Mid and West Wales) – (30 mins) – *postponed from 15 November*

Wednesday 29 November 2017 -

- ~~Questions to the Assembly Commission (30 mins)~~ – *postponed to 6 December*
- Members Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins) *postponed from 22 November*
- ~~Time allocated to the United Kingdom Independence Party (60 mins)~~

Wednesday 6 December 2017 -

- Questions to the Assembly Commission (30 mins) – *postponed from 29 November*
- Debate on Members' Legislative Proposals (30 mins)
- Debate on the Petitions Committee's report on Disabled People's Access to Transport (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

4 Welsh Government budget 2018–19

4.1 Timetable for the Welsh Government budget 2018–19

Business Managers agreed to extend the deadline for committees to report on the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2018–19 from 28 November to 1 December. The Minister for Government Business confirmed that the debate would take place on the 5 December, in order to allow the Annual Budget Motion to be tabled before Christmas. Business Managers agreed that committees could meet outside their allocated times if necessary to facilitate budget scrutiny within the reporting deadline.

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