

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 6 March 2018

Meeting time: 08.30 – 09.02

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM (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 Christopher Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Gwion Evans, Head of the Llywydd's Private Office Rhuanedd Richards, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd 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

- Voting Time will take place after the last item of business.

Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place after 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 14 March 2018 –

- Motion to amend Standing Order 20 in relation to the Statement on the Draft Budget Proposals (5 mins)
- Motion to amend Standing Orders 26, 26A and 26B in relation to the Requirement for Justice Impact Assessments (s110A of the Act) (5 mins)
- Nomination under Standing Order 10.5 for the appointment of the Auditor General for Wales (5 mins)
- Short Debate – Vikki Howells (Cynon Valley) (30 mins) – *postponed from 28 February*

Wednesday 18 April 2018 –

- Questions to the Assembly Commission (30 mins)
- Debate on the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee report: How is Welsh Government preparing for Brexit (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

3.4 Members' Legislative Proposals: selection of motion for debate

- Business Managers selected a motion for debate on 14 March

NNDM6681 Hefin David (Caerphilly)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill on the regulation of estate management companies.

2. The purpose of this Bill would be to:

a) give freeholders who pay charges for the maintenance of communal areas and facilities on a private or mixed-use estate equivalent rights as leaseholders to challenge the reasonableness of service charges;

b) ensure that, where a freeholder pays a rent charge, the rent charge owner is not able to take possession or grant a lease on the property where the rent charge remains unpaid for a short period of time; and

c) give freeholders in Wales equivalent rights to those in England as a result of changes to the regulation of estate management companies planned by the UK Government.

- Business Managers agreed to schedule the next debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal after Easter recess

4 Standing Orders

4.1 Proposals to amend Standing Order 20 Draft Budget Statements

Business Managers formally agreed the changes to Standing Order 20, detailed at Annex A of the paper. A motion to amend Standing Orders has been included on the Plenary Agenda for Wednesday 14 March.

4.2 Proposals to amend Standing Orders 26, 26A and 26B, Justice Impact

Assessments

Business Managers formally agreed the changes to Standing Orders 26, 26A and 26B, detailed at Annex A of the paper. A motion to amend Standing Orders has been included on the Plenary Agenda for Wednesday 14 March inviting the Assembly to approve the proposals to take effect from 1 April 2018.

4.3 Review of Standing Orders

Business Managers considered the scoping paper and agreed to consult with their groups, before returning to the matter in two weeks' time.