

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 24 April 2018

Meeting time: 08.30 – 09.00

## Private

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### Attendance

| Category             | Names  |
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| Committee Members:   | Elin Jones AM, Llywydd (Chair)<br>Julie James AM<br>Paul Davies AM<br>Rhun ap Iorwerth AM<br>Gareth Bennett AM   |
| Committee Staff:     | Siân Wilkins (Clerk)   |
| Others in attendance | Ann Jones AM, Deputy Presiding Officer<br>Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly<br>Christopher Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation<br>Committee Service<br>Gwion Evans, Head of the Llywydd's Private Office<br>Rhuanedd Richards, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd<br>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**

Paul Davies questioned the recent number of written statements. He believed that the statement on 'Affordable Housing Supply Review', issued as a written statement yesterday, should have been an oral statement. The Leader of the House agreed to look at the matter further.

### **Tuesday**

- All votes in relation to the Regulation of Registered Social Landlords (Wales) Bill would take place during Stage 3 proceedings.
- The Leader of the House confirmed that voting on all other items of business would take place before Stage 3 proceedings began.
- The Llywydd informed Business Managers that there would be a 10 minute break before Stage 3 proceedings began.

### **Wednesday**

- 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.

The Leader of the House drew Business Managers' attention to the fact that she will be answering FMQs on 1 May because the First Minister is overseas.

### 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 2 May 2018 –

- Debate on the Standards of Conduct Committee's Report 01–18 to the Assembly under Standing Order 22.9 (15 mins)
- ~~Time allocated to the United Kingdom Independence Party (60 mins) – *postponed to 9 May*~~

#### Wednesday 9 May 2018 –

- Time allocated to the United Kingdom Independence Party (60 mins)
- ~~Time allocated to the Plaid Cymru (60 mins) – *postponed until 16 May*~~

#### Wednesday 16 May 2018 –

- Questions to the Assembly Commission (30 mins)
- Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal (30 mins)
- Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

### 3.4 Member Debates: Selection of Motion for Debate

- Business Managers selected the following motion for debate on 2 May 2018

**NNDM6695**

**Jane Hutt**

**Jenny Rathbone**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales

1. Notes the research by Plan International UK on Period Poverty and Stigma, which estimates that 1 in 10 girls in the UK has been unable to afford sanitary wear.
2. Welcomes the action by Welsh organisations including Periods in Poverty, Wings Cymru, The Red Box Project, Trussell Trust, and others to tackle this issue.

3. Notes the final report from Rhondda Cynon Taff Council Scrutiny Working Group established to deal with free sanitary provisions in schools.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) consider current and emerging research on the potential impact of period poverty and stigma, on learning;

b) consider calls to improve education on the subject and to provide free access to sanitary items in education institutions; and

c) identify ways to make sanitary products available for Welsh food banks.

[Plan International UK – 1 in 10 girls have been unable to afford sanitary wear](#)

[Rhondda Cynon Taff Council – Final report of Scrutiny Working Group dealing with free sanitary provisions in schools](#)

**Supported by:**

**John Griffiths**

**Julie Morgan**

**Jack Sargeant**

**Dawn Bowden**

**Sian Gwenllian**

**Jayne Bryant**

**Vikki Howells**

**Simon Thomas**

**Mike Hedges**

**Mick Antoniw**

**David Rees**

**Leanne Wood**

- Business Managers agreed to schedule the next Members Debate on 16 May 2018 and selected the following motion:

**NNDM6682**

**Hefin David**

**Rhun Ap Iorwerth**

**Dawn Bowden**

**Angela Burns**

**Mark Isherwood**

**Mandy Jones**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes Bowel Cancer UK and Beating Bowel Cancer's recent report highlighting early diagnosis and its ambition to improve survival rates for people affected by bowel cancer.
2. Recognises the brave contribution of bowel cancer patients in Wales to raising awareness of the disease and of the healthcare professionals to improving outcomes in the face of increasing demand for diagnosis, within the constraints of the existing service.
3. Recognises bowel cancer as the second biggest cancer killer in Wales, the effect early diagnosis has on survival rates and the importance of encouraging the public to take up their bowel screening opportunities as uptake rates have fallen by 1 per cent in the last 12 months.
4. Welcomes the introduction of the simpler and more accurate faecal immunochemical test (FIT) in the bowel screening programme and its potential to improve bowel cancer survival rates.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to deliver a bowel screening programme that can reach its full potential and to address issues around the:
  - a) proposed threshold of FIT to be introduced in 2019;
  - b) challenges that exist within endoscopy and pathology services to ensure FIT can be introduced optimally;
  - c) need to reduce the eligible screening age from 60 to 50.

[Spotlight on Bowel Cancer in Wales – Early Diagnosis Saves Lives](#)

**Supported by**

Neil Hamilton

## **4 Committees**

### **4.1 Request from CCERA to undertake a visit Westminster**

Business Managers agreed to the request.

## **5 Business Committee**

### **5.1 Collation of guidance issued by the Llywydd under Standing Order 6.17**

Business Managers agreed that compiling and publishing the guidance would be useful.

The Secretariat will bring forward a paper that reviews and updates all current guidance and drafts new guidance as required.

## **6 Standing Orders**

### **6.1 Review of Standing Orders**

Business Managers agreed to consult with their groups, in particular to consider whether the composition of CLA should be reviewed in light of the SI's coming forward relating to Brexit. Business Managers agreed that this should be considered before any decisions are taken on a review of Standing Orders.