

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 10 July 2018

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.57

## Private

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### 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 Rhuanedd Richards, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd Gwion Evans, Head of the Llywydd's Private Office 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 as the last item of business.

#### **Wednesday**

- Voting Time will 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 indicated that there would be a debate on the Welsh Government's Legislative Programme in the autumn, in government time.

### **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 18 July 2018 –**

- Debate on the Standards of Conduct Committee's Report 02-18 to the Assembly under Standing Order 22.9 (15 mins)

#### **Wednesday 26 September 2018 –**

- Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee Annual report: The Welsh Government's progress on climate change mitigation (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

## **4 Welsh Government Budget 2019–20**

### **4.1 Timetable for the Welsh Government Budget 2019–20**

Business Managers noted the letter and agreed to write to the Finance Committee asking for their views on the timetable and to return to the matter at their first meeting in September.

## **5 Tabling Arrangements**

### **5.1 Summer recess 2018 tabling arrangements**

Business Managers agreed the paper.

## **Any Other Business**

### ***Member Bills***

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that she was not minded to hold another ballot for Member Bills until she was satisfied that it would not interfere with the Assembly's legislative workload, including non-government Bills already in progress, and issues arising from Brexit, but that she would keep it under review. Business Managers asked for a paper setting out the timelines, key dates and pressure points for Member Bills.

### ***Nomination for an Assembly Commissioner***

Gareth Bennett informed Business Committee that UKIP would like to re-nominate Neil Hamilton as a member of the Assembly Commission. The Llywydd explained that for the nomination to progress, the Business Committee would need to table a motion for the Assembly to consider.

Business Managers indicated that they had no reason to think their Members would vote any differently if another motion to nominate Neil Hamilton was tabled, and therefore agreed that there was no point in Business Committee tabling such a motion.

The Llywydd asked the UKIP Group to reflect on this discussion and whether an alternative nomination could be brought forward that would have the support of the Assembly. The Llywydd noted that the Business Committee would have no reason not to table a motion nominating another Member of the UKIP group for the Assembly to consider.