

# Minutes – Business Committee

---

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

Hywel

Meeting date: 25 September 2018

Meeting time: 08.30 – 09.32

## Private

---

### Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM, Llywydd (Chair) Julie James AM Darren Millar AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Neil Hamilton 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**

The Llywydd welcomed Darren Millar and Neil Hamilton as the new Business Managers for the Welsh Conservatives and UKIP, respectively.

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that this is Christopher Warner's last Business Committee as a member of Assembly Commission staff, as he will be taking up the role of Deputy Director – Constitution and Justice at the Welsh Government from Monday 1 October.

## **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**

- The Government withdrew the statement by the Minister for Welsh Language and Lifelong Learning: Brexit and Support for FE and Skills from today's agenda
- There will be no Voting Time

#### **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.

### **3.3 Three Week Timetable of Assembly Business**

Darren Millar queried the lack of time allocated to opposition debates over this half term. Business Managers asked that the secretariat be mindful of the balance between opposition and committee debates when proposing the 3 week timetable of Assembly business.

Business Committee determined the organisation of Assembly business and agreed to schedule the following items of business:

#### **Wednesday 17 October 2018 –**

- Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)

- Debate on the Standards of Conduct Committee report: Creating the Right Culture (60 mins)
- Debate on the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee report: Industry 4.0 – the future of Wales (60 mins)

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

Business Managers selected the following motion for debate on 3 October 2018:

**NNDM6801**

**Lynne Neagle**

**David Rees**

**Adam Price**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that in 2016 263 infants died or were stillborn in Wales and that families who are affected by baby loss often cannot access appropriate services or support.
2. Welcomes Baby Loss Awareness week, which is organised by a collation of more than 60 charities throughout the UK and will take place from 9 to 15 October providing an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of excellent bereavement care for all parents after pregnancy loss or the death of a baby.
3. Recognises that Baby Loss Awareness Week also provides an important opportunity for bereaved parents, and their families and friends, to unite and commemorate their babies' lives.
4. Recognises that all bereaved parents should receive the same high standard of care when a baby dies, and that while good care cannot remove parents' pain and grief, it can help parents through this devastating time.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to take action to improve the care that parents receive after pregnancy or baby loss by:
  - a. Committing to improve and deliver better bereavement care which can be accessed by all parents after pregnancy or baby loss.
  - b. Adopting the core set of standards for bereavement care which have been used to underpin the National Bereavement Care Pathway in other areas of the UK.
  - c. To work with NHS Wales to ensure all staff who come into contact with bereaved parents receive bereavement care training.

**Supporters**

**Helen Mary Jones**

**Angela Burns**

**Dai Lloyd**

**Jayne Bryant**

Business Managers agreed to schedule the next Member Debate on 17 October 2018 and selected the following motion:

**NNDM6782**

**Lee Waters**

**Hefin David**

**Vikki Howells**

**David Melding**

**Adam Price**

**Jenny Rathbone**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the Welsh Government commitment to support Foundational Sectors in its economic action plan and calls on the Welsh Government to go further in embracing the principles of the Foundational Economy.
2. Believes that the Preston City Council's community wealth-building approach has been demonstrably successful in tackling deprivation and calls on the Welsh Government to meet with representatives of Preston City Council to discuss lessons that can be learnt.
3. Believes that the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 offers significant opportunity to reframe best value in the context of procurement in Wales, to support a Foundational Economy approach.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to develop an ambitious adult social care models that recognises the importance of a localised approach and trials multiple alternative models of care delivery, as part of a foundational economy approach in Wales.

## **4 Brexit**

### **4.1 Update on procedures for Brexit scrutiny**

Business Managers agreed the changes to Standing Orders, which will be laid tomorrow and added to next week's Plenary agenda.

## **5 Committees**

### **5.1 The effect of a Member resigning and leaving a political group**

Business Managers agreed that the Chair of the Finance Committee should remain with Plaid Cymru, but that the nominations shouldn't be until next week – Business Managers will confirm arrangements for electing the new Chair at next week's Business Committee meeting.

UKIP volunteered to release one of their committee places to Caroline Jones, and will confirm outside of Business Committee which seat will be offered.

Regarding the vacant place on the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee, Darren Millar requested a wider discussion on committee membership and chair allocations in light of the new balance of opposition parties. The secretariat will bring forward a paper next week.

## **Any Other Business**

### ***'Power to Call' Motion***

A paper will be considered next week.

### **Labour Committee membership changes**

Proposed changes will be added to tomorrow's Plenary agenda.