

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 4 December 2018

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.49

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM (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 Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Gwion Evans, Head of the Llywydd's Private Office Elin Roberts, 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

- The Leader of the House will be answering FMQs on behalf of the First Minister today in his absence.
- Voting Time will take place after the last item of business.

Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place after the short debate and before Stage 3 proceedings.
- There will be a 10 minute break before Stage 3 proceedings begin.

3.2 Paper to note: Guidance – Debates on the EU Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration, and on the Draft Budget 2019–20

Business Managers noted the paper.

3.3 Three Week Timetable of Government Business

The Llywydd made the point that the Finance Committee had queried why the debate on the Holtham report, 'Paying for Social Care', is scheduled the day before their debate on their committee report, 'The Cost of Caring for an Ageing Population', (8th and 9th January 2019, respectively). The Leader of the House stated that they would not be moving their debate, as the debate on the Holtham report has been long planned by the government.

3.4 Three Week Timetable of Assembly Business

Business Committee noted the order in which business will be taken next Wednesday, 12 December, as follows. The BSA will be updated accordingly:

Assembly Business

- Questions to the Assembly Commission (30 mins)
- Topical Questions (20 mins)
- 90 Second Statements (5 mins)

Government Business

- Debate: International Human Rights Day (60 mins)
- Debate: Stage 4 of the Childcare Funding (Wales) Bill (15 mins)

Assembly Business

- Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal (30 mins)
- Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the United Kingdom Independence Party (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central) (30 mins)

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

Wednesday 16 January 2019 –

- Debate on the General Principles of the Autism (Wales) Bill (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

3.5 Member Debates: Selection of Motion for Debate

- Business Managers selected the following motion for debate on 12 December:

NNDM6860

Jane Hutt

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales

1. Notes the report by Cardiff Business School, 'The Living Wage Employer Experience'.

2. Welcomes the action taken by 174 employers across the public, private and third sectors in Wales to pay their employees the real living wage.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) identify measures to support more employers in the public, private and third sectors to adopt the real living wage and become accredited real living wage employers; and

b) consider strengthening the Code of Practice on Ethical Employment in Supply Chains in relation to the real living wage.

[The Living Wage Employer Experience](#)

[The Code of Practice on Ethical Employment in Supply Chains](#)

Supporters:

Rhun Ap Iorwerth,

Dawn Bowden,

Jayne Bryant,

Hefin David,

Mike Hedges,

Helen Mary Jones,

Julie Morgan,

Rhianon Passmore,

David Rees,

Mick Antoniw,

John Griffiths,

Vikki Howells,

Mark Isherwood,

Jenny Rathbone

- Business Managers agreed to schedule the next Member Debate in the New Year.

3.6 Debate on Members' Legislative Proposals: Selection of Motion for Debate

- Business Managers selected the following motion for debate on 12 December:

NNDM6893

Jenny Rathbone

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes a proposal for a bill on waste prevention and recycling.

2. Notes that the purpose of this bill would be to:

a) prevent waste through placing recycling requirements on food producers and retailers in respect of packaging and packaging waste; and

b) introduce extended producer responsibilities to ensure that the costs of recycling and waste management are shared equitably, with producers contributing to the financial cost of treatment at the end of their product's life.

- Business Managers agreed to schedule the next Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal in the New Year.
- Business Managers asked the Secretariat to look at how the tabling process for Members' Legislative Proposals can increase the number of motions submitted

for selection. Business Managers raised the possibility of announcing the two debate dates per term in advance and opening tabling at the start of term, to increase the time available to Members to consider and table motions.

4 Assembly Business

4.1 Procedures for the Resignation and Nomination of a First Minister

Business Managers noted the paper.

Any Other Business

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that she will be announcing the inaugural Welsh Youth Parliament election results with the names of the 60 successful candidates at the start of Plenary on Wednesday, and noted the support afforded by Members in each of the party groups in promoting the Welsh Youth Parliament work.