

# Business Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Ty Hywel**

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Meeting date: **Tuesday, 22 November 2011**

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Meeting time: **08:30 – 09:00**

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National  
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Wales



## Minutes:

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### Committee Members:

**Rosemary Butler (Chair)**  
**Peter Black**  
**Jocelyn Davies**  
**William Graham**  
**Jane Hutt**

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### Committee Staff:

**Anna Daniel (Clerk)**

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### Others in attendance:

**David Melding, Deputy Presiding Officer**  
**Adrian Crompton, Director of Assembly Business**  
**Sulafa Thomas, Head of Assembly Committees**  
**Siân Wilkins, Head of Legislation and Chamber Services**  
**Aled Elwyn Jones**  
**Craig Stephenson, Principal Private Secretary to the Presiding Officer**  
**Peter Greening, Welsh Government**

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## 1. Apologies & announcements

## 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were noted by the Committee for publication.

## 3. Organisation of Business

### 3(i) This Week's Business

The Leader of the House informed the committee that Tuesday's oral statements and the Legislative Consent Motion on the Public Services (Social Enterprise and Social Value) Bill had been reordered.

The Committee noted that a temporary Deputy Presiding Officer would be elected at the start of Wednesday's meeting, in the absence of the Deputy Presiding Officer.

On Tuesday, Voting Time would be after the final item of business. On Wednesday, the Business Committee agreed that Voting Time would take place before the Short Debate.

### **3(ii) Three week timetable of Government Business**

The Committee noted the three week timetable of Government Business as under item 3(iv).

### **3(iii) Three week timetable of Assembly Business**

The Committee determined the organisation of Assembly Business as under item 3(iv).

### **3(iv) Industrial Action: Organisation of Business**

The Business Committee gave further consideration to its contingency plan in the event of the industrial action on 30 November. Business Managers:

- agreed that there would be no meeting on Wednesday 30 November;
- agreed that Plenary would start at 1pm on 6 December and at 12.30pm on 7 December;
- noted the re-arrangement of Government business for 29 November, 6 and 7 December; and
- agreed to re-arrange the items of Assembly business scheduled for 30 November on Tuesday 6 December and Wednesday 7 December.

The Leader of the House indicated that the following oral question scheduled for 30 November would be taken on Tuesday 29 November:

- Questions to the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (45 mins)

### **3(v) Individual Member Debates: Selection of Motion for Debate**

The Business Committee considered the no named day motions tabled by individual members and selected the motion tabled in the name of Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd), Nick Ramsay (Monmouth), Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East), Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East), Byron Davies (South Wales West), Vaughan Gething (Cardiff South and Penarth), Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd), Keith Davies (Llanelli), Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley), Lynne Neagle (Torfaen), Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central) for debate on Wednesday 7 December (NNDM4862).

## **4. Legislation**

#### **4(i) Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Bill**

The Business Committee agreed to refer the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Bill to the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee for consideration. The Business Committee agreed a deadline of 30 March 2012 to report on the general principles of the Bill. Subject to the Bill being agreed at Stage 1, the Business Committee agreed that Stage 2 Committee proceedings should be completed by 1 June 2012.

#### **4(ii) Localism Bill – Letter from the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee to the Minister for Local Government and Communities – Paper to note**

The Business Committee noted a letter from the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee to the Minister for Local Government and Communities regarding his written statement on the Localism Bill.