

# Business Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Tuesday, 17 January 2012**

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Meeting time: **08:30 – 08:40**

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Wales



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Minutes: BC(4)02–12

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Committee Members:

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

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Committee Staff:

**Aled Elwyn Jones (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**  
**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

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 3 Week Timetable of Government Business.

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

Business Managers agreed to schedule the following item of business:

#### **Wednesday 8 February 2012**

- Debate seeking the Assembly's agreement to introduce a Member Proposed Bill on Enterprise (Mohammad Asghar) (60 mins)

The Committee determined the organisation of Assembly Business.

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

The Business Committee considered the no named day motions tabled by individual members and selected the following motion for debate on Wednesday 25 January:

#### **NNDM4864**

**Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)**

**Mark Drakeford (Cardiff West)**

**Mark Isherwood (North Wales)**

**Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

#### 1. Notes:

- a) the proliferation of pay day loan companies operating in Wales;
- b) the extremely high rates of interest many such companies charge their customers;
- c) the increasing ease of access to such loans through smartphones and the internet; and
- d) the potential for such lending to create severe debt amongst our poorest communities and to suck money out of them.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government, local authorities and the third sector to work together as much as possible to offer viable alternatives to such companies and to alert citizens to the real cost of the loans offered.

#### **Supported by:**

Keith Davies (Llanelli)

Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire)

Peter Black (South Wales West)

Mike Hedges (Swansea East)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales)

David Rees (Aberavon)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West)

Suzy Davies (South Wales West)

Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)

Julie James (Swansea West)  
William Powell (Mid and West Wales)  
Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central)  
Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West)  
Llyr Huws Gruffydd (North Wales)  
Vaughan Gething (Cardiff South and Penarth)  
Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East)  
Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr)  
Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon)

Business Managers agreed to schedule the next debate for the third week after half term.

## **4. Legislation**

### **4(i) Timetabling of Committee Business: Letter from the Chair of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee**

The Business Committee considered a letter from the Chair of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee regarding the allocation and timetabling of legislation. The Presiding Officer undertook to respond, outlining how Business Committee and the Government would continue to ensure that Committee Chairs are informed of upcoming legislation at an early stage.

## **5. Other Business**

### **5(i) Business Committee Procedural Work Programme: Proposed Timetable**

The Business Committee considered a proposed timetable for the Committee's procedural work programme over the coming months. Business Managers agreed that procedural issues will be discussed in private as part of the usual Business Committee meeting on a Tuesday morning. The secretariat would liaise with business managers to identify the most convenient slot for public meetings, probably on Monday afternoons.