

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 25 November 2014

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.39

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Dame Rosemary Butler (Chair) Paul Davies Jane Hutt Elin Jones Aled Roberts
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	David Melding AM, Deputy Presiding Officer Christopher Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Craig Stephenson, Director of Commission Services 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

3.1 This Week's Business

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

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

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

Wednesday 10 December 2014

- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)

Wednesday 14 January 2015

- Debate on the Public Accounts Committee Report on Senior Management Pay (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

Business Committee agreed to re-schedule the following item of business:

Wednesday 10 December 2014

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (~~120~~ 60 mins)

3.4 Individual Member Debate: Selection of Motion for Debate

Due to the quality of motions tabled, Business Committee selected the four motions for debate. The dates for the motions on assisted dying and autism will be in the new year, and will be determined by the Business Committee at future meetings:

Wednesday 3 December 2014

NNDM5625

Mike Hedges (Swansea East)

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Peter Black (South Wales West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes that policing (excluding the UK National Crime Agency and national security) should be devolved.

Wednesday 10 December 2014

NNDM5630

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales)

Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West)

Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that:

a) women have made a huge contribution to the working life of Wales and continue to be a vital part of the Welsh economy;

b) it is nearly 100 years since women got the vote and nearly 40 years since the Equal Pay Act;

c) the Welsh Government has an important part to play in ensuring that there is not institutional discrimination present in the workplace.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government not to award any procurement contracts or Welsh Government grant monies to any company that does not have any female directors on their board.

Date to be determined

NNDM5636

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)

Julie Morgan (Cardiff North)

Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)

Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Supports the principles of the Assisted Dying Bill.

The Assisted Dying Bill is available at:

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/assisteddying.html>

Date to be determined

NNDM5639

Mark Isherwood (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the achievement of the Welsh Government's autistic spectrum disorder strategic action plan.
2. Notes that more needs to be done to meet the needs of children and adults with autism in Wales.
3. Believes that placing specific duties on local authorities and health boards would lead to greater clarity on the care and support that people with autism can expect.

4. Calls upon the Welsh Government to introduce an Autism Act for Wales.

The Welsh Government's autistic spectrum disorder strategic action plan is available at:

<http://wales.gov.uk/strategy/strategies/autism/asdplane.pdf?lang=en>

4 Legislation

4.1 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: Deregulation Bill

Business Committee considered a paper from the Government regarding a Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (SLCM) in relation to the Deregulation Bill.

Business Managers agreed to refer the SLCM to the Environment and Sustainability Committee for scrutiny. The Business Committee also agreed that the Committee should report on the SLCM by Thursday 8 January 2015 to allow the Supplementary Legislative Consent Motion to be debated in Plenary on Tuesday 13 January 2015.