

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 16 May 2017

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.40

## Private

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM (Chair) Jane Hutt AM Paul Davies AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM David J Rowlands AM
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Ann Jones AM, Deputy Presiding Officer Christopher Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Helen Carey, Welsh Government Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly Rhuaneidd Richards, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd



## **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**

- Business Managers agreed to table a motion to suspend Standing Orders, to be taken after the Business Statement and Announcement, to move Wednesday's Short Debate to the last item of business on Tuesday.

Business Committee agreed that Voting Time would take place before the Short Debate.

#### **Wednesday**

- Business Managers discussed how to avoid overly long Wednesdays in future by scheduling one hour less of opposition time when items such as Committee Statements or Members Legislative Proposals are scheduled, to take account of Topical Questions which will now be a recurring item each Wednesday.

Business Committee agreed that Voting Time would take place as the last item of business.

### **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 Managers agreed to a request from Vikki Howells to swap her short debate slot on 7 June with Mike Hedges' slot on 21 June; the BSA was amended accordingly.

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

#### Wednesday 14 June 2017 –

- Debate seeking the Assembly's agreement to introduce a Member Proposed Bill – The Autism (Wales) Bill (Paul Davies) (60 mins)
- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Debate on the Report by the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee: The Big Picture: The Committee's Initial Views on Broadcasting in Wales (60 mins)

### 3.4 Individual Member Debate: Selection of Motion for Debate

Business Committee selected two motions for debate – one on 24 May, the other on 14 June.

#### Wednesday 24 May:

**NNDM6311**

**Julie Morgan (Cardiff North)**

**Hefin David (Caerphilly)**

**Dai Lloyd (South West Wales)**

**Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire)**

**Mark Isherwood (North Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Congratulates the staff in the NHS in Wales for treating and curing an unprecedented number of patients with Hepatitis C.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to confirm their commitment to the World Health Organisation eradication date of 2030.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to consider new operational guidelines to support the NHS to work towards the eradication of Hepatitis C in Wales.

**Wednesday 14 June:**

**NNDM6283**

**Huw Irranca–Davies (Ogmore)**

**Jeremy Miles (Neath)**

To propose the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the £217 million Welsh Government investment over the last 5 years and further commitment of £104 million for the next 4 years to improve home energy efficiency and tackle fuel poverty.
2. Further notes that investment in home energy efficiency needs to be dramatically scaled-up if Wales is to achieve its aims around decarbonisation and reducing fuel poverty.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to consider a broader range of investment approaches for energy efficiency including innovative finance, putting public sector pensions to good use, and tapping into private sector funding.
4. Notes the proposal to establish a National Infrastructure Commission for Wales and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the long-term energy infrastructure needs of Wales and the opportunities for energy efficiency are included within its remit.
5. Believes that such investment would dramatically boost efforts to tackle fuel poverty in some of our older homes, providing warm and cosy homes, improving the health and well-being of all and particularly the vulnerable.
6. Further believes this would help tackle climate change, reducing the carbon emissions through energy efficiency, reducing energy consumption and reducing the number of new power stations we need to build.
7. Recognises the potential for economic growth, creating many thousands of jobs in every community throughout every part of Wales.