

Business Committee

BC(2)04-07 (Final minutes)

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday 6th February 2007

Time: 9.00 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room C

Present: Jenny Randerson (Chair)
Jane Hutt, Business Minister
Jocelyn Davies, Plaid Cymru Business Manager

Kirsty Williams, Welsh Liberal Democrats Business Manager

Lisa Francis, Welsh Conservatives Business Manager

John Marek, Deputy Presiding Officer (attending in accordance with Standing Order 13.2)

Andrew George, Clerk to the Business Committee

Marion Stapleton, Assembly Business Unit
Adrian Crompton, Members' Research and Committee Service

Peter Jones, Counsel to the Assembly Parliamentary Service
Alun Jenkins, DLS (Agenda Item 4)
Marc Wyn Jones, Business Committee Secretariat

Leanne Hatcher, Business Committee Secretariat

1. Apologies & announcements

2. Minutes of the previous meetings

(i) BC(2)02-07 (Final minutes) - Tuesday 23rd January 2007

2.1 The minutes were presented to the Committee in their final format. As there were no comments, they would be translated in readiness for publication.

Action: Chamber Secretariat

(ii) BC(2)03-07 (draft minutes) - Tuesday 30th January 2007

2.2 The minutes were presented to the Committee in their draft format. As there were no comments, they would be translated before being submitted to the Committee in final draft.

Action: Chamber Secretariat

3. Matters Arising

BC(2)03-07 (draft minutes)

3.1 **Paragraph 4.2** Marion Stapleton reported back on issues relating to The Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations. She said that the Federation of Small Businesses had been included in the list of consultees, but they had not responded to the consultation. She said that the supporting documents had been amended to include this information and to address other queries about financial implications arising from the Regulations.

4. Subordinate Legislation

(a) Orders for consideration

The Further Education Corporations (Publication of Draft Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2007 – **BC(2)04-07(p1)**

The Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (Wales) Regulations 2007 – **BC(2)04-07(p2)**

The Local Inquiries, Qualifying Inquiries and Qualifying Procedures (Standard Daily Amount) (Wales) Regulations 2007 – **BC(2)04-07(p3)**

The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Gwynedd) Order 2007 – **BC(2)04-07(p4)**

The Children (Performances)(Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2007 – **BC(2)04-07(p5)**

The Adventure Activities (Licensing) (Designation) Order 2007 - **BC(2)04-07(p6)** *Standing Order 25, section 3*

The Adventure Activities Licensing (Amendment) Regulations 2007 - **BC(2)04-07(p7)** *Standing Order 25, section 3*

The Business Committee recommended the Standard procedure for BC(2)04-07(p2), BC(2)04-07(p5) and recommended the Accelerated procedure for BC(2)04-07(p1), BC(2)04-07(p3) and BC(2)04-07(p4).

BC(2)04-07(p4)

4.1 Lisa Francis said that the Explanatory Memorandum accompanying this draft Order referred to the “*North Wales Tourist Board*”. She asked whether or not this was the correct name of the organisation. She also referred to the Regulatory Appraisal and said that no tourist organisations had been included in the list of stakeholders that had been consulted. The Chair asked if the local public had been included in the consultation. The Business Minister said she would seek clarification on these issues and report back to Business Manages.

BC(2)04-07(p6) and BC(2)04-07(p7)

4.2 Lisa Francis referred to the Explanatory Memorandum accompanying this draft Order which said that, “*The Health and Safety Executive (HSE), as the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA), intends to contract back the functions of the licensing authority to Tourism Quality Services (TQS) Ltd.*” She asked for confirmation that there would not be any financial implications arising from these changes and whether or not re-inspections would result in additional charges for the licensees. Marion Stapleton said she would report back on this issue.

(b) Standing Order 26 Subordinate Legislation

The Disability Discrimination (Public Authorities) (Statutory Duties) (Amendment) Regulations 2007
- **BC(2)04-07(p8)**

4.3 The Committee noted the Regulations.

(c) Standing Order 29 Subordinate Legislation

(d) Orders made under the Executive Procedure; Papers to note.

(e) Papers for Information

5. Committees

BC(2)04-07(p9)

5.1 The Committee noted the letter about subordinate legislation identified for scrutiny by the Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee.

6. Forthcoming Business

Responses to Requests

BC(2)04-07(p10)

6.1 The Committee noted the Business Minister's responses to requests for items of business:

- A written statement had been issued on access to modern medicines and treatment.
- There was currently no intention to make a statement on the impact on Wales of new prison guidelines announced by the Home Secretary, as it was not a devolved matter.
- A debate on the Convergence Programme would be scheduled in due course.

This Week's Business

BC(2)04-07(p11)

6.2 The Business Minister said that there were no other changes to the week's business.

Business Managers' Requests

6.3 Jocelyn Davies asked if the following item of business could be scheduled:

- A debate on the UK Government's proposals for the restructuring and relocation of Civil Service jobs.

6.4 Kirsty Williams supported the above request.

6.5 Lisa Francis asked if the following items of business could be scheduled:

- An oral statement on the Health and Social Services' Committee report on cancer services, which highlighted gaps in services for cancer patients.
- A written statement on the proposals for a power station in Pembroke.
- A written statement on the proposals to build a new prison in Cwmbran.

Draft Business Statement - BC(2)04-07(p12)

6.6 The Business Committee noted the Business Minister's proposed statement about the organisation of Assembly business for the weeks commencing 13th February, 27th February and 6th March.

6.7 The Business Minister said that oral statements by the First Minister on Climate Change and by the Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside on Sustainable Buildings, had been scheduled for 14th February.

6.8 The Business Minister said that the debate on the Local Government and Public Services' Committee's scrutiny project: Electoral Arrangements in Wales, which had been postponed in Plenary on 30th January, had been rescheduled for 7th March.

6.9 The Business Minister said that Sandy Mewies' Short Debate which had been postponed in Plenary on 17th January, had been rescheduled for 7th March.

7. Advice to Assembly on procedures

BC(2)04-07(p13)

7.1 The Committee noted the paper on the progress of proposals for subordinate legislation under Standing Order 31.

7.2 The Business Minister said that the debate on the second stage of Tamsin Dunwoody's proposal for subordinate legislation under Standing Order 31, had been scheduled for 14th March. She said that the feasibility report would be considered by the Health and Social Services Committee at its meeting on 1st March.

7.3 The Chair referred to Mike German's proposal for subordinate legislation which had been agreed in Plenary on 17th January. She asked if the Government would give a commitment to allow the second stage of his proposal to be debated in Plenary before the end of the Second Assembly, even though the proposal was not subject to the requirements of Standing Order 31. Marion Stapleton said a debate would be scheduled after the half term recess.

8. Matters referred from plenary

9. Revisions to Standing Orders

10. Presiding Officer rulings

11. Any other business.

BC(2)04-07(p14)

11.1 The Committee noted the paper on subordinate legislation going forward to Plenary between February and March 2007.

11.2 The Chair referred to the last sitting week of the Second Assembly, the week commencing 26th March. She noted that no Committee meetings were scheduled for that week and suggested that on Wednesday 28th March, Plenary could start early to accommodate the legislation programmed for that day. The Business Minister said she would consider the request and report back to the Committee after the half term recess.

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11.3 The Committee noted the paper from the Business Minister on arrangements for Royal

Garden Parties for 2007.

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