

Business Committee

BC(2)05-07 (Final minutes)

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday 13th 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

Eve Pennant-Jones, PS to the Deputy Presiding Officer

1. Apologies & announcements

2. Minutes of the previous meetings

(i) BC(2)03-07 (Final minutes) - Tuesday 30th 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)04-07 (draft minutes) - Tuesday 6th February 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.

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3. Matters Arising

3.1 Paragraph 4.1 The Business Minister reported back on issues relating to The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Gwynedd) Order 2007. She confirmed that the correct name of the organisation consulted was the '*Tourism Partnership North Wales*', but they had not responded to the consultation. She said that the supporting documents had been amended to include this information.

3.2 Paragraph 4.2 The Business Minister reported back on issues relating to The Adventure Activities (Licensing) (Designation) Order 2007 and The Adventure Activities Licensing (Amendment) Regulations 2007. She confirmed that there would not be any financial implications for the licensees arising from the draft Orders.

4. Subordinate Legislation

(a) Orders for consideration

The Air Quality Standards (Wales) Regulations 2007 – **BC(2)05-07(p1)**

The Dairy Produce Quotas (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 – **BC(2)05-07(p2)**

The Environmental Offences (Fixed Penalties) (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Wales) Regulations 2007 – **BC(2)05-07(p3)**

& Report of the Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee - **BC(2)05-07(p23)**

The General Teaching Council for Wales (Constitution) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 – **BC(2)05-07(p4)**

The Mental Capacity Act 2005 (Appropriate Body) (Wales) Regulations 2007 – **BC(2)05-07(p5)**

Mental Capacity Act 2005 (Commencement) (Wales) Order 2007 – **BC(2)05-07(p6)**

Mental Capacity Act 2005 (Independent Mental Capacity Advocates) (Wales) Regulations 2007 – **BC(2)05-07(p7)**

*& Report of the Health and Social Services Committee – **BC(2)05-07(p25)***

The Mental Capacity Act 2005 (Loss of Capacity during Research Project) (Wales) Regulations 2007 – **BC(2)05-07(p8)**

The Controls on Dogs (Non-application to Designated Land) (Wales) Order 2007 – **BC(2)05-07(p9)**

*& Report of the Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee - **BC(2)05-07(p12)***

The Dog Control Orders (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Wales) Regulations 2007 – **BC(2)05-07(p10)**

*& Report of the Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee - **BC(2)05-07(p22)***

The Plant Protection Products (Amendment) Regulations 2007 – **BC(2)05-07(p11)**

The Business Committee recommended the Accelerated procedure for BC(2)05-07(p1), BC(2)05-07(p2) and BC(2)05-07(p11) and recommended the Standard procedure for BC(2)05-07(p3) to BC(2)05-07(p10).

(b) Standing Order 26 Subordinate Legislation

(c) Standing Order 29 Subordinate Legislation

BC(2)05-07(p13)

The Home Energy Efficiency Schemes (Categories of Works and Maximum Amounts of Grant) (Wales) (Amendment) Determination 2007.

4.1 The Committee noted the Determination.

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

(e) Papers for Information

BC(2)05-07(p24)

4.2 The Committee discussed the paper from the Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside on the Cattle Identification (Wales) Regulations 2007 Great Britain Publicity Campaign. Jocelyn Davies said it would be appropriate for the Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee to consider the issue. The Committee agreed with this proposal.

5. Committees

BC(2)05-07(p14)

5.1 The Committee agreed the request from the Equality of Opportunity Committee to hold an additional meeting on 8th March.

BC(2)05-07(p15)

5.2 The Committee noted the schedule of secondary legislation identified for consideration by the Health and Social Services Committee.

6. Forthcoming Business

Responses to Requests

BC(2)05-07(p16)

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

- There was currently no intention to make a statement on the Health and Social Services' Committee report on cancer services, which highlighted gaps in services for cancer patients, as a debate on the report had been scheduled for 14th March.

- A written statement had been issued on the proposals for a power station in Pembroke.
- There was currently no intention to make a statement on the proposals to build a new prison in Cwmbran, as it was a not a devolved matter.
- There was currently no intention to schedule a debate on the UK Government's proposals for the restructuring and relocation of Civil Service jobs, as the PCS Union was not in dispute over the deployment of Welsh Assembly Government staff.

This Week's Business

BC(2)05-07(p17)

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

Business Managers' Requests

6.3 Business Managers requested a statement on ambulance cover and the capacity of Accident and Emergency Departments over the past few days.

6.4 Jocelyn Davies asked if an updating statement on Avian Influenza could be scheduled.

6.5 Lisa Francis asked if a written statement on the number of deaths caused by house fires in North Wales could be scheduled.

Draft Business Statement - BC(2)05-07(p18)

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

6.7 The Business Minister said that there were no other changes to the Draft Business Statement.

6.8 The Chair referred to The National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Conversion of Framework Powers) Order 2007, which had been considered by the Education Lifelong Learning and Skills Committee at its meeting on 17th January. The Chair referred to the Committee paper ELLS (2)-01-07(p4) which said that the draft Order, "*is intended to be submitted to Business Committee on 23rd January 2007 before being considered in Plenary on 31st January*". Marion Stapleton said the draft Order would now be submitted to the Business Committee on 27th February and considered in Plenary in early March.

7. Advice to Assembly on procedures

BC(2)05-07(p19)

7.1 The Committee noted the paper from the Table Office on Post Election Tabling: Early Days Arrangements. The Committee agreed the recommendations of the arrangements for tabling questions and other business in the period immediately following the Assembly General Election.

BC(2)05-07(p20)

7.2 The Committee discussed the paper from the Table Office on Written Assembly Questions during Assembly General Election periods. The Deputy Presiding Officer said that the proposed deadline of 16th March for tabling Written Assembly Questions was too early. Business Managers agreed that this issue should be given further consideration.

8. Matters referred from plenary

BC(2)05-07(p21)

8.1 The Committee discussed the late change in the order of business in Plenary on Wednesday 7th February, which had been referred to the Committee by the Deputy Presiding Officer. The Chair said that business had been rescheduled on the instruction of the Presiding Officer. The Committee agreed that the Chair would write to the Presiding Officer to ask for the reason for the change.

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9. Revisions to Standing Orders

BC(2)-05-07(p26)

9.1 The Committee agreed a draft temporary Standing Order for the first meetings of the Third Assembly. The Committee noted that the Standing Order would be sent to the Secretary of State to be made.

10. Presiding Officer rulings

11. Any other business.

11.1 The Committee noted that the proposed Standing Orders for the Third Assembly had been agreed in Plenary on 7th February. The Chair said that the proposals had been sent to the Secretary of State.

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