

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2015
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 10.02am.

Present:

- Mr P Weir (Acting Chairperson)**
- Mr S Dickson**
- Mr G Kelly**
- Mr R McCartney**
- Mrs K McKeivitt**
- Mrs S Overend**
- Mr P Ramsey**
- Mr R Swann**

In attendance:

Dr A McGarel	Clerk of Business
Mr T Reaney	Clerk/Chief Executive
Ms N Dunwoody	Clerk Assistant
Mr R Ramsey	Adviser to the Speaker
Mr H Widdis	Director of Legal Services and Governance
Ms F Leneghan	PS/Speaker
Mr C McNickle	Assistant Assembly Clerk

Observers:

- Deputy Speaker Beggs**
- Deputy Speaker Dallat**

1. **Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were noted from the Speaker, Lord Morrow and Ms Caitriona Ruane.

2. **Consideration of Draft Revised Order Papers for Monday 19 January 2015 and Tuesday 20 January 2015**

2.1 The Acting Chairperson welcomed Members to the meeting and informed Members that the Speaker was unavailable to Chair the Election to fill the vacant position of Deputy Speaker and the Election of a Principal Deputy Speaker on Monday 19 January. It was suggested that both elections could be rescheduled to Tuesday 20 January 2015.

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2.2 Following discussion Mr Kelly, Mr Weir and Mr Dickson indicated their party's support for the Election of the Deputy Speaker and the Election of a Principal Deputy Speaker to be rescheduled to Tuesday 20 January 2015.

2.3 Mr Swann and Mr Ramsey indicated their party's support for the Election of the Deputy Speaker and the Election of a Principal Deputy Speaker to remain scheduled for Monday 19 January as per the agreed Order Paper.

2.4 Following discussion, the Acting Chairperson formally **proposed** that the Election of the Deputy Speaker and the Election of a Principal Deputy Speaker be rescheduled to Tuesday 20 January 2015.

2.5 Members **voted** on the proposal as follows:

For - 74 votes

Against - 27 votes

2.6 The proposal was, therefore, **carried**.

2.7 Members **agreed** to reschedule a motion to suspend Standing Order 20(1) to Tuesday 20 January.

2.8 Members **noted** that all other business scheduled for Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 January remained the same.

2.9 The draft Revised Order Papers were **agreed**.

3. **Date and time of next meeting**

- 3.1 Members **agreed** to meet at approximately 12.30pm on Tuesday 20 January 2015 in Room 106.

The Acting Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 10.10am

**The Speaker
Chairperson**