

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 09 FEBRUARY 2016
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 1.02pm.

Present:

The Speaker (Chairperson)
Mr S Dickson
Mr A Maginness
Mrs K McKeivitt
Ms C Ruane
Mr R Swann
Mr P Weir

In attendance:

Dr A McGarel	Clerk of Business
Mr G McGrath	Director of Parliamentary Services
Mr D Martin	Clerk Assistant
Mr P Gill	Clerk Assistant
Ms A Kelly	Legal Services and Governance
Mr R Ramsey	Adviser to the Speaker
Ms F Leneghan	PS/Speaker
Mr G Ervine	Assistant Assembly Clerk

Observers:

Junior Minister Pengelly
Mr A Rogers **OFMDFM**

1. Apologies

1.1 There were apologies from Mr G Kelly and Mrs S Overend.

2. Minutes of previous meetings

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 02 February at 1:00pm were **agreed.**

2.2 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 02 February at 4:30pm were **agreed.**

3. **Matters arising**

3.1 There were no matters arising.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 15 February 2016**

Public Petition

4.1 Members **agreed** to schedule the presentation of a Public Petition by Mr Kieran McCarthy, on 'Better Care for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Northern Ireland', for Monday 15 February.

Executive Business

4.2 Members **noted** a request to schedule the draft Renewable Heat Incentive Schemes (Amendment) Regulations 2016 for Monday 15 February.

4.3 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 15 February.

4.4 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 16 February.

Committee Business

4.5 Members **noted** that there was no change to Committee Business scheduled for Monday 15 February.

4.6 Members **noted** that there was still no Committee Business scheduled for Tuesday 16 February.

Private Members' Business

4.7 Members **noted** that the Further Consideration Stage of the Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Bill was scheduled for Monday 15 February. This now cannot take place on this day as Standing Orders require at least five working days between amending stages.

4.8 Members **agreed** to schedule the Further Consideration Stage of the Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Bill for Tuesday 16 February.

4.9 Junior Minister Pengelly advised that no further business was expected at this stage.

4.10 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 22 February 2016**

Assembly Business

5.1 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion to suspend Standing Orders 10(2) to 10(4) for Monday 22 February.

5.2 Members **agreed** to schedule the consideration of business not concluded on Monday 22 February as the first item of business for Tuesday 23 February.

Executive Business

5.3 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 22 February:

- Further Consideration Stage of the Employment Bill.
- Consideration Stage of the Health and Personal Social Services (Amendment) Bill.
- Consideration Stage of the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.
- Consideration Stage of the Addressing Bullying in Schools Bill.
- Motion on Rates (Exemption for Automatic Telling Machines in Rural Areas) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.
- Motion on Rates (Temporary Rebate) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.
- Motion on Rates (Regional Rates) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.
- Question Time to the Minister of Justice and the Minister for Regional Development.

5.4 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 23 February:

- Consideration Stage of the Fisheries Bill.
- Consideration Stage of the Houses in Multiple Occupation Bill.
- Final Stage of the Housing (Amendment) Bill.
- Motion on draft Charities Act 2008 (Designated Religious Charities) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.
- Further Consideration Stage of the Shared Education Bill.
- Final Stage of the Assembly Members (Reduction of Numbers) Bill.
- Final Stage of the Budget Bill.

- Question Time to the Minister for Social Development and the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Committee Business

- 5.5 Members **noted** that there were no requests for Committee Business for Monday 22 February.
- 5.6 Members **noted** that there were no requests for Committee Business for Tuesday 23 February.

Private Members' Business

- 5.7 Members **noted** that there was no time to schedule any Private Members' Motions on either day.
- 5.8 The provisional Order Papers were **agreed**.

6. Any other business

- 6.1 There was no other business.

7. Date and time of next meeting

- 7.1 Members **agreed** to meet at 1.00pm on Tuesday 16 February 2016 in Room 106.

The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 1.11pm

**The Speaker
Chairperson**