

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 01 MARCH 2016
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 1.01pm.

Present:

- Ms C Ruane (Acting Chairperson)**
- Mr T Clarke**
- Mr G Kelly**
- Mr A Maginness**
- Mr K McCarthy**
- Mrs K McKeivitt**
- Mrs S Overend**
- 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 The Speaker and Mr S Dickson.

2. Minutes of previous meetings

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23 February 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 07 March 2016**

Assembly Business

- 4.1 Members **noted** that the Assembly Commission motion to nominate a Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman, previously scheduled under Committee Business, will now be taken under Assembly Business on Tuesday 08 March.

Executive Business

- 4.2 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 07 March.
- 4.3 Members **noted** a request to schedule a motion to suspend Standing Order 42A(8) in relation to a Legislative Consent Motion on the Enterprise Bill: Apprenticeships Information Sharing for Tuesday 08 March.
- 4.4 Members **noted** a request to schedule a Legislative Consent Motion on the Enterprise Bill: Apprenticeships Information Sharing for Tuesday 08 March.
- 4.5 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 08 March.

Committee Business

- 4.6 Members **noted** that there was still no Committee Business scheduled for Monday 07 March.
- 4.7 Members **noted** that there was no change to Committee Business scheduled for Tuesday 08 March. The wording of the motions from the Committee for Justice and the Committee for the Environment were now available.

Private Members' Business

- 4.8 Members **noted** that there was still no Private Members' Business scheduled for Monday 07 March.
- 4.9 Members **noted** that Mr Roy Beggs has withdrawn his request for the Further Consideration Stage of the Scrap Metal Dealers Bill to take place on Tuesday 08 March.
- 4.10 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion to suspend Standing Order 42(1) for Tuesday 08 March in relation to the Licensing Bill. If the Sponsor of the Bill

moves the motion after Further Consideration Stage of the Bill and it is agreed by the Assembly, this allows its Final Stage to be scheduled on Tuesday 15 March without contravening Standing Orders.

- 4.11 Junior Minister Pengelly advised that no further business was expected at this stage.
- 4.12 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 14 March 2016**

Speaker's Business

- 5.1 Members **noted** the Speaker's intention to schedule an item of business in relation to the end of mandate for Tuesday 15 March. Party Leaders of the five largest parties, or a nominated representative, will have up to 5 minutes to make remarks. After that, similar to a Matter of the Day, Members should rise in their places and if called, will be allowed up to 3 minutes to speak.

Assembly Business

- 5.2 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion to suspend Standing Orders 10(2) to 10(4) for Monday 14 March.
- 5.3 Members **agreed** to schedule the consideration of business not concluded on Monday 14 March as the first item of business for Tuesday 15 March.

Executive Business

- 5.4 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 14 March:
- Ministerial Statement from the Minister of Justice on Scoping Study: Children in the Justice System.
 - Further Consideration Stage of the Land Acquisition and Compensation (Amendment) Bill.
 - Final Stage of the Justice (No. 2) Bill.
 - Motion on the Draft Welfare (Supplementary Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.
 - Motion on the Draft Driver and Vehicle Agency Trading Fund Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.
 - Motion on the Draft Local Government (Community Planning Partners) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.

- Motion on the Draft Local Government (Standing Orders) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.
- Motion on the Local Government Auditor's Draft Code of Audit Practice 2016.
- Motion on the Public Service Pensions Revaluation (Prices) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.
- Motion on the Draft Health Service Workers (Consequential Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.
- Motion on the Draft Tobacco Retailer (Fixed Penalty) (Amount) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.
- Motion on the Draft Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Consequential Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.
- Question time to the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment and the Minister of Justice.

5.5 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 15 March:

- Motion on the Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.
- Motion on the Ministerial Offices (Number and Functions) Determination 2016.
- Legislative Consent Motion on the Northern Ireland (Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan) Bill.
- Final Stage of the Fisheries Bill.
- Final Stage of the Addressing Bullying in Schools Bill.
- Final Stage of the Houses in Multiple Occupation Bill.
- Final Stage of the Mental Capacity Bill.
- Final Stage of the Health and Personal Social Services (Amendment) Bill.
- Final Stage of the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.
- Final Stage of the Land Acquisition and Compensation (Amendment) Bill.
- Question time to the Minister for Regional Development, the Minister for Social Development and the Assembly Commission.

Committee Business

5.6 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee on Procedures to amend a number of Standing Orders for Monday 14 March.

5.7 Members **agreed** that up to 2 hours should be allocated for the motion, with 15 minutes to move, 10 minutes to wind and 5 minutes for all other speakers.

5.8 Members **noted** that there were no requests for Committee Business for Tuesday 15 March.

Private Members' Business

5.9 Members **noted** that there were no requests for Private Members' Business for Monday 14 March.

5.10 Members **agreed** to schedule the Final Stage of the Licensing Bill for Tuesday 15 March.

5.11 Members **noted** that there was no time to schedule any further Private Members' Motions on either day.

5.12 Members **noted** that there will be no lunch break during Plenary on Tuesday 15 March.

5.13 The provisional Order Papers were **agreed**.

6. **Any other business**

6.1 Members were provided with a briefing in relation to an advice paper on the implementation of the Fresh Start Agreement. Members **agreed** to discuss this with their parties before considering it further at next week's meeting.

6.2 Members were provided with a briefing in relation to an advice paper on tabling Assembly Questions. Members **agreed** to discuss this with their parties before considering it further at next week's meeting.

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

7.1 Members **agreed** to meet at 1.00pm on Tuesday 08 March 2016 in Room 106.

The Acting Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 1.23pm

**The Speaker
Chairperson**