**NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY**

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

# TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2015

**IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**MINUTES**

##### The meeting began at 12.30pm.

**Present: The Speaker (Chairperson)**

**Mr S Dickson**

**Mrs K McKevitt**

**Lord Morrow**

**Mrs S Overend**

**Ms C Ruane**

**Mr R Swann**

**Mr P Weir**

In attendance: Dr A McGarel Clerk of Business

**Ms N Dunwoody Clerk Assistant**

**Mr R Ramsey Adviser to the Speaker**

**Ms F Leneghan PS/Speaker**

**Mr C McNickle Assistant Assembly Clerk**

**Observers: Junior Minister Bell**

**Junior Minister McCann**

**Mr A Rogers OFMDFM**

1. **Apologies**

* 1. Apologies were received from Mr Pat Ramsey.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14 April 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 27 April 2015**

Public Petition

4.1 Members considered a request to schedule the presentation of a Public Petition by Mr Mickey Brady, on the ‘Inclusion of Gullion/South Armagh in new Newry, Mourne and Down Council name’. Members **agreed** not to schedule the Public Petition as it did not meet the requirement of Standing Order 22(3).

4.2 Members **agreed** to schedule the presentation of a Public Petition by Mr Danny Kinahan, on ‘Reconsideration of the Belmont Road proposed development along the banks of the Sixmilewater River’, for Monday 27 April.

Executive Business

4.3 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Business previously scheduled for either day.

Committee Business

4.4 Members **noted** that there was no change to Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 27 April.

4.5 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business requested for Tuesday 28 April.

Private Members’ Business

4.6 Members **noted** that there was no change to Private Members’ Business previously scheduled for Monday 27 April.

4.7 Members **noted** that there was no Private Members’ Business scheduled for Tuesday 28 April.

4.8 Mr Alan Rogers advised that no further business was expected at this stage.

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

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 11 May 2015**

Executive Business

5.1 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 11 May:

* Question Time to the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister, the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment and the Minister for Employment and Learning;
* Motion to approve the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 (Disclosure of Patient Registration Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015;
* Motion to approve the draft Energy (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015;
* Final Stage of the Pensions Bill (NIA Bill 42/11-16).

5.2 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 12 May:

* Question Time to the Minister of the Environment, the Minister of Finance and Personnel and the Minister of Education.

5.3 Members **agreed** to group the following two motions into one debate, for Tuesday 12 May, with the question being put on each motion separately:

* Motion to approve the Shared Parental Leave Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015;
* The Statutory Shared Parental Pay (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

5.4 Members **agreed** to group the following three motions into one debate, for Tuesday 12 May, with the question being put on each motion separately:

* The Paternity and Adoption Leave (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015;
* The Maternity and Adoption Leave (Curtailment of Statutory Rights to Leave) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015;
* The Maternity and Parental Leave etc. (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

5.5 Members **agreed** to group the following six motions into one debate, for Tuesday 12 May, with the question being put on each motion separately:

* The Statutory Shared Parental Pay (Adoptions from Overseas) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015;
* The Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (Application of Articles 107G and 107I to Adoptions from Overseas) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015;
* The Shared Parental Leave and Paternity and Adoption Leave (Adoptions from Overseas) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015;
* The Statutory Shared Parental Pay (Parental Order Cases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015;
* The Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (Application of Articles 107A, 107B, 107G, 107I, 112A and 112B to Parental Order Cases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015;
* The Paternity, Adoption and Shared Parental Leave (Parental Order Cases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

Committee Business

5.6 Members **agreed** to a request from the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister to schedule the Second Stage of the Public Services Ombudsperson Bill (NIA Bill 47/11-16), for Monday 11 May.

5.7 Members **noted** a memo from the Clerk Assistant and **agreed** to schedule a motion regarding the ‘Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the Public Services Ombudsperson Bill’, for Monday 11 May.

5.8 Members **noted** a briefing paper from the Clerk Assistant and **agreed** to schedule a motion regarding the ‘Establishment of an Ad Hoc Joint Committee to consider the Mental Capacity Bill’, for Monday 11 May.

5.9 Members **agreed** to a request from the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister to schedule the Second Stage of the Ombudsman and Commissioner for Complaints (Amendment) Bill), for Monday 11 May.

5.10 Members **noted** correspondence from the Committee of the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister and **agreed** to schedule an Accelerated Passage motion from the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister, regarding the Ombudsman and Commissioner for Complaints (Amendment) Bill.

5.11 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Social Development on its ‘Inquiry into allegations, arising from a BBC NI Spotlight programme aired on 3 July 2013, of impropriety or irregularity relating to NIHE managed contracts and consideration of any resulting actions (NIA 222/11-16)’ for Tuesday 12 May.

5.12 Members **agreed** that up to 2 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for the motion, with 15 minutes allocated to move, 15 minutes to wind and 5 minutes for all other speakers.

Private Members’ Business

5.13 Members **agreed** to schedule no Private Members’ Motions on either day.

5.14 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment Debate on Tuesday 12 May. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with the DUP and the following topic was selected:

* ‘Suicide Prevention in Londonderry’ (Mr G Middleton).

5.15 Junior Minister McCann advised that all Ministers were available to respond.

5.16 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 approximately 12.30pm on Tuesday 28 April 2015 in Room 106.

*The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 12.45pm*

**The Speaker**

**Chairperson**