

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

MONDAY 19 JULY 2021
VIA MS TEAMS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 1.09pm.

Present:

The Speaker (Chairperson)
Mr A Allen
Ms K Armstrong
Ms C Bailey
Ms J Bunting
Mr R Butler
Mr T Clarke
Mr C McGrath
Mr A Muir
Mr J O'Dowd

In attendance:

Ms C McKay	Clerk of Business
Mr P Gill	Clerk Assistant
Dr G McGrath	Director of Parliamentary Services
Mr J McMillen	Head of Legal Services
Ms F Leneghan	PS to the Speaker
Ms P Devlin	Assistant Assembly Clerk

1 Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Dolores Kelly.

2 Finalisation of the Order Paper for the Plenary Meeting on 20 July 2021

Private Members' Business

2.1 The Speaker advised the Committee that he had received a valid request from more than 30 Members under Standing Order 11 to recall the Assembly and that a plenary session would take place on Tuesday 20 July.

2.2 Members **noted** that the sitting would commence at noon.

- 2.3 Members **noted** that in accordance with Standing Order 15(3), amendments to the motion could be submitted up until 9.30am on Tuesday 20 July.
- 2.4 Members **agreed** to allocate 1 hour 30 minutes for the debate, with an additional 15 minutes to be added for any amendments which are accepted.
- 2.5 Members **noted** that a grace period of up to 15 minutes could be applied at the Speaker's discretion to help broaden the scope of the debate or the range of participants.
- 2.6 Members **agreed** the Order Paper for Tuesday 20 July.
- 2.7 The Speaker reminded Members to let the Business Office know if any of their Members intend to participate remotely and that it is helpful if speaking lists are provided early.
- 2.8 The Speaker noted that this would be Kellie Armstrong's last Business Committee meeting as Alliance whip, and thanked her for her hard work and due diligence during her time on the Committee.
- 2.9 Colin McGrath joined the meeting, having experienced some earlier technical difficulties, and confirmed he was content with the Committee's agreed timings for the debate.

3 **Date and time of next meeting**

- 3.1 Members **agreed** that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 7 September in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

The Speaker brought the meeting to a close at 1.15pm