

DRAFT
NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 03 MARCH 2015
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 12.38pm.

Present:

The Speaker (Chairperson)
Mr S Dickson
Mr G Kelly
Lord Morrow
Mrs S Overend
Mr P Ramsey
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:

Deputy Speaker Beggs
Mr A Rogers OFMDFM

1. Apologies

1.1 There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24 February were **agreed** as amended.

3. Matters arising

3.1 There were no matters arising.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 09 March 2015**

Executive Business

- 4.1 Members **noted** that the draft Order Papers had been updated to show Committee Business scheduled before Executive Committee Business as agreed at the last meeting of the Committee.
- 4.2 Mr Weir expressed concern that the Final Stage of the Welfare Reform Bill (NIA Bill 13/11-15) would extend the sitting beyond 7pm on Monday 09 March and Members **noted** that, if necessary, a motion to extend the sitting may be moved as per Standing Order 10 (3A) (b).
- 4.3 Members **noted** that a motion to approve the Rates (Regional Rates) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 was scheduled for Tuesday 10 March.

Committee Business

- 4.4 Members **noted** that there was no change to Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 09 March.
- 4.5 Members noted that there was no Committee Business requested for Tuesday 10 March.

Private Members' Business

- 4.6 Members **noted** that there was no Private Members' Business scheduled for Monday 09 March.
- 4.7 Members **noted** that there was no change to Private Members' Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 10 March.
- 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 meeting on Monday 16 March**

Executive Business

- 5.1 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 16 March:

- Question Time to the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and to the Assembly Commission;
- Motion to approve the draft Teachers' Pension Scheme (Consequential Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

Committee Business

- 5.2 Members **noted** correspondence from the Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee to consider an AGNI Statutory Rule and **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee on its 'Report on the Statutory Rule laid by the Attorney General for Northern Ireland' for Monday 16 March.
- 5.3 Members considered a request from the Ad Hoc Committee to allocate a total of 30 minutes for the debate. Mr Swann suggested that more than 30 minutes might need to be allocated to allow more Members to speak but, following discussion, Members **agreed** to allocate a total of 30 minutes to the motion. It was **further agreed** that 5 minutes should be allocated to move the motion, with 5 minutes to wind and 5 minutes for all other speakers.
- 5.4 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee on Procedures on its 'Report on the extent to which Standing Orders should permit the Attorney General for Northern Ireland to participate in proceedings of the Assembly (NIA 232/11-16)' for Monday 16 March.
- 5.5 Members **agreed** that up to 45 minutes should be allocated for the motion, with 10 minutes to move, 5 minutes to wind and 5 minutes for all other speakers.

Assembly Business

- 5.6 Members **agreed** to schedule a Business motion to approve the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2004 (Amendment of section 8(4)) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015.

Private Members' Business

- 5.7 Members **agreed** to schedule one Private Members' Motion on Monday 16 March. Under the system of allocation the selection lay with the Alliance Party and the following topic was selected:
- 'Equality Legislation (Mr S Dickson, Ms A Lo and Mr C Lyttle).

5.8 Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for the motion, with the usual speaking times.

5.9 Mr Alan Rogers advised that the First Minister and deputy First Minister were unavailable to respond to the motion on Monday 16 March and Mr Dickson indicated his intention to proceed with the motion.

5.10 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 10 March 2015 in Room 106.

The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 12.46pm

The Speaker
Chairperson