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**NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY**

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

# TUESDAY 19 MAY 2015

**IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**MINUTES**

##### The meeting began at 12.34pm.

**Present: The Speaker (Chairperson)**

**Mr S Dickson**

**Mr R McCartney**

**Mrs K McKevitt**

**Mrs S Overend**

**Ms C Ruane**

**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 H Widdis Director of Legal and Governance Services**

**Mr C McNickle Assistant Assembly Clerk**

**Observers: Junior Minister McIlveen**

**Mr A Rogers OFMDFM**

1. **Apologies**

* 1. Apologies were received from Mr Kelly, Lord Morrow, Mr Ramsey and Mr Swann.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 May were **agreed**.

3. **Matters arising**

3.1 There were no matters arising.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Paper for the plenary meeting on Tuesday 26 May 2015**

Executive Business

4.1 Members **noted** that the Final Stage of the Welfare Reform Bill (NIA Bill 13/11-15) was scheduled for Tuesday 26 May.

Committee Business

4.2 Members **noted** that there were no requests for Committee Business for Tuesday 26 May.

Private Members’ Business

4.3 Following the scheduling of the Final Stage of the Welfare Reform Bill Members considered the impact this would have on the Private Members’ Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 26 May.

4.4 Following discussion it was **agreed** that the Alliance Party could defer their motion on ‘The Implementation of Together: Building a United Community’ to Monday 01 June and that, because of the deferral, could swap this motion with a motion on ‘Human Rights Act 1998’.

4.5 Ms Ruane expressed concern at the practice of swapping a motion which had previously been scheduled on a provisional Order Paper and expressed the view that such practice should not set precedent.

4.6 Members **agreed** that the motion on ‘Funding for Musical Instruments’ should be deferred to a later date and that the Committee would consider the rescheduling of the motion at the next meeting of the Committee.

4.7 Members **agreed** that the Adjournment Debate on ‘Nursery and Primary School Provision in East and South Belfast’ should be deferred to a later date and that the Committee would consider the rescheduling of the debate at the next meeting of the Committee.

4.8 Junior Minister McIlveen advised that no further business was expected at this stage.

4.9 The draft Order Paper was **agreed**.

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 01 June 2015**

Executive Business

5.1 Members **noted** that Question Time to the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure and to the Minister of Education was scheduled for Monday 01 June.

5.2 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 02 June:

* Question Time to the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment and to the Minister for Employment and Learning;
* Consideration Stage of the Justice Bill (NIA Bill 37/11-15)

5.3 Members **agreed** to schedule the Bill Stage over Tuesday 02 June and Wednesday 03 June, with the Tuesday sitting being suspended at 10pm and resuming at 10.30am on Wednesday to conclude the stage if necessary.

Committee Business

5.4 Members **agreed** to a request from the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister to schedule the Consideration Stage of the Ombudsman and Commissioner for Complaints (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 48/11-16) for Monday 01 June.

5.5 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for the Education on its Area Planning Position Paper for Monday 01 June.

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

Private Members’ Business

5.7 Members **agreed** to schedule one Private Members’ Motion on Monday 01 June and no Private Members’ Business on Tuesday 02 June.

5.8 As per paragraph 4.4 Members **agreed** to schedule the following motion for Monday 01 June:

* ‘Human Rights Act 1998’ (Mr S Dickson, Mr C Lyttle and Ms A Lo).

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

5.10 Junior Minister McIlveen advised that all Ministers were available to respond.

5.11 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 26 May 2015 in Room 106.

*The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 12.47pm*

**The Speaker**

**Chairperson**