**NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY**

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

# TUESDAY 09 JUNE 2015

**IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**MINUTES**

##### The meeting began at 12.32pm.

**Present: The Speaker (Chairperson)**

**Mr S Dickson**

**Mr G Kelly**

**Mrs S Overend**

**Mr P Ramsey**

**Ms C Ruane**

**Mr R Swann**

**Mr P Weir**

In attendance: Dr A McGarel Clerk of Business

**Mr D Martin Clerk Assistant**

**Mr R Ramsey Adviser to the Speaker**

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

**Mr C McNickle Assistant Assembly Clerk**

**Observers: Junior Minister McIlveen**

**Mr K Kerr OFMDFM**

1. **Apologies**

* 1. Apologies were received from Mrs Karen McKevitt.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 02 June 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 15 June 2015**

Executive Business

4.1 Members **noted** that the following additional Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 15 June:

* Motion from the Minister of Finance and Personnel to suspend Standing Orders 10(2) to 10(4) for Monday 15 June 2015;
* Motion from the Minister of Finance and Personnel on the Supply Resolution for the Excess Votes 2013/14;
* Motion from the Minister of Finance and Personnel on the Supply Resolution for the Northern Ireland Main Estimates 2015/16.

4.2 Members **agreed** that up to 4 hours should be allocated for a single debate on the Supply Resolutions, with one hour for the Minister to divide between moving and winding, and 10 minutes for all other speakers.

4.3 The Chairperson expressed the view that the scheduling of the Supply Resolutions gave Members very little notice to table amendments before 9.30am on Thursday 11 June and Members **agreed** for a note to be circulated to all Members to advise them of the scheduling of these motions and remind them of the amendment deadline.

4.4 Members **noted** that the following additional Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 16 June:

* Ministerial Statement from the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister on a plenary meeting of the North South Ministerial Council;
* First Stage of the Budget (No.2) Bill 2015;
* First Stage of the Water and Sewerage Services Bill, subject to the Speaker’s clearance;
* First Stage of the Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill, subject to the Speaker’s clearance.

Committee Business

4.5 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business scheduled for either day.

Private Members’ Business

4.6 Members **noted** that, following the scheduling of the debate on the Supply Resolutions for Monday 15 June, the Private Members’ Motions would be moved much later than expected and, following discussion, Members **agreed** to reschedule the DUP motion on ‘STEM Subjects’ to Tuesday 23 June 2015.

4.7 The Speaker expressed the view that, when the Assembly is scheduled to sit late into the evening consideration should be given to agreed timings for suspensions and Members **agreed** to consider this matter at the next meeting of the Committee.

4.8 Members **noted** that there was no Private Members’ Business scheduled for Tuesday 16 June.

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

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

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 22 June 2015**

Executive Business

5.1 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 22 June:

* Question Time to the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister and the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure;
* Motion from the Minister of Finance and Personnel to suspend Standing Orders 10(2) to 10(4) for Monday 22 June;
* Second Stage of the Budget (No.2) Bill 2015;
* Final Stage of the Reservoirs Bill (NIA Bill 31/11-15).

5.2 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 23 June:

* Question Time to the Minister of Education, the Minister for Employment and Learning and the Assembly Commission;
* Consideration Stage of the Budget (No.2) Bill;
* Consideration Stage of the Insolvency (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 39/11-16);
* Motion from the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to approve the draft Renewables Obligation (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015;
* Motion from the Minister of the Environment to approve the Local Government (Exclusion of Non-commercial Considerations) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015.

Committee Business

5.3 Members **agreed** to a request from the Ad Hoc Committee for the Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsperson Bill to extend the Committee Stage of the Public Services Ombudsperson Bill.

5.4 Members **agreed** to a request from the Committee on Standards and Privileges to schedule a motion on its ‘Report on the Review of the Northern Ireland Assembly Code of Conduct and the Guide to the Rules Relating to the Conduct of Members (NIA 178/11-16)’.

5.5 Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for the motion, with 10 minutes to move, 10 minutes to wind and 5 minutes for all other speakers.

5.6 Members **noted** that there were no requests for Committee Business for Tuesday 23 June.

Private Members’ Business

5.7 Members **agreed** to schedule no Private Members’ Motions on Monday 22 June and one Private Members’ Motion on Tuesday 23 June as per paragraph 4.6.

5.8 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment Debate on Tuesday 23 June. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with the DUP and Mr Weir proposed a debate on ‘the Comber Greenway’ (Mr R Newton). Junior Minister McIlveen advised that the Minister for Regional Development was not available to respond to the debate and Mr Weir undertook to inform the Business Office of his party’s selection following the meeting.

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

6. **Rota for Oral Questions: September 2014 to Christmas Recess**

6.1 Members **agreed** the rota for Oral Questions from September 2015 until the Christmas Recess as presented.

7. **Any other business**

7.1 There was no other business.

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

8.1 Members **agreed** to meet at approximately 12.30pm on Tuesday 16 June 2015 in Room 106.

*The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 12.44pm*

**The Speaker**

**Chairperson**