

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

SATURDAY 11 JANUARY 2020
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 3:54pm.

Present:

The Speaker (Chairperson)
Ms K Armstrong
Ms C Bailey
Mr R Butler
Mr D McAleer
Mr C McGrath
Mr A Muir
Mr G Robinson
Mr J Stewart

In attendance:

Ms R Kelly	Clerk of Business
Mrs L Hogg	Clerk/Chief Executive
Dr G McGrath	Director of Parliamentary Services
Ms T Caul	Director of Legal, Governance and Research Services
Mr R Ramsey	Adviser to the Speaker
Mrs K O'Hanlon	Assistant Assembly Clerk
Mr M O'Hare	Clerical Supervisor
Mr P Stitt	Clerical Supervisor

1. Apologies

1.1 There were apologies from Mrs D Kelly and Ms C Ní Chuilín.

2. Consideration of the Order Papers for the plenary meeting on 14 January 2020

Establishment of Statutory Committees

2.1 Members **noted** the proposed arrangements for the establishment of Statutory Committees.

- 2.2 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion to establish Statutory Committees for 14 January 2020.
- 2.3 Members considered the proposal to reduce the number of members on each committee from 11 to nine. Members **agreed** to discuss this further at the next meeting of the Business Committee.

Appointment of Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons of Statutory Committees

- 2.4 Members **noted** the proposed arrangements for the appointment of Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons of Statutory Committees.

Appointment of Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons of Standing Committees

- 2.5 Members **noted** the proposed arrangements for the appointment of Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons of Standing Committees.
- 2.6 Members **agreed** to schedule motions for the appointment of Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons of Statutory Committees and for the appointment of Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons of Standing Committees for 14 January.

Appointments to the Assembly Commission

- 2.7 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion to suspend Standing Order 79(2) for 14 January.
- 2.8 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion to appoint members to the Assembly Commission for Tuesday 14 January. The Speaker informed Members that names for appointment to the Assembly Commission must be put forward by 5pm on 11 January.

Election of Principal Deputy Speaker

- 2.9 Members **noted** the arrangements for the election of Principal Deputy Speaker.
- 2.10 Members **agreed** to schedule the election of Principal Deputy Speaker for 14 January.

3. Provisional Arrangements for the plenary meeting on 20 January 2020

Assembly Business

- 3.1 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion to suspend Standing Order 20(1) for Monday 20 January.
- 3.2 Members **noted** that the Business Committee will be asked to consider a rota for Question Time at its next meeting.

Membership of Statutory Committees

- 3.3 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion to approve the membership of Statutory Committees for 20 January.

Membership of Standing Committees

- 3.4 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion to approve the membership of Standing Committees for 20 January.
- 3.5 Members **noted** that the reports of Committee membership must be laid in the Business Office no later than 5pm on Friday 17 January.

4 Any Other Business

5. Date and time of next meeting

- 5.1 Members **agreed** to meet at 1.00pm on Tuesday 14 January 2020 in Room 106.

The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 4.20pm

The Speaker
Chairperson