

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 29 DECEMBER 2020
VIA MS TEAMS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 2.05pm.

Present:

	The Speaker (Chairperson)
	Ms K Armstrong
	Ms C Bailey
	Mr K Buchanan
	Mr R Butler
	Mrs D Kelly
	Mr G Middleton
	Mr A Muir
	Mr J O'Dowd

In attendance:	Dr A McGarel	Clerk of Business
	Mr P Gill	Clerk Assistant
	Ms L Hogg	Clerk/Chief Executive
	Mr J McMillen	Head of Legal Services
	Mr R Ramsey	Adviser to the Speaker
	Ms P Devlin	Assistant Assembly Clerk
	Mr M O'Hare	Clerical Supervisor

1 Finalisation of the Order Paper for the Plenary Meeting on Wednesday 30 December

- 1.1 The Speaker thanked Members for attending at short notice.
- 1.2 The Speaker advised that he had received a valid request from the First Minister and deputy First Minister under Standing Order 11 to recall the Assembly to debate a motion on the UK/EU Trade and Co-operation Agreement.
- 1.3 Members **agreed** that the sitting should commence at 12 noon to allow for the necessary preparations to be made, and to allow for amendments to the motion to be tabled.

- 1.4 Members **agreed** that the debate should be allocated two hours, but allowed the Speaker discretion to increase the timeframe to a maximum of three hours if the number and nature of amendments indicated the need for a longer debate.

2 **Date and time of next meeting**

- 2.1 Members **noted** that unless they were advised to the contrary, the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 12 January and would again be via MS Teams.

The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 2.14pm

The Speaker
Chairperson