

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

PROPOSALS TO REVISE STANDING ORDERS

Introduction

1. The Business Committee has considered and agreed the following temporary revisions to Standing Orders (in accordance with Standing Order 37.4) in connection with the establishment of a Committee on the Better Governance for Wales White Paper:-

Standing Order 6.15

After the word “Committee” insert: “and the Committee on the Better Governance for Wales White Paper”.

This revision will ensure that where a motion proposes that the Assembly take note of a report submitted by the Committee, no amendment may be tabled to that motion.

Standing Order 8.14

At the end of the first sentence add: "except the Chair of the Committee on the Better Governance for Wales White Paper"

This revision will delete the provision that the Chair of the Committee may vote.

New Standing Order 8.19B

The Committee on the Better Governance for Wales White Paper may meet in a week in which the Assembly is not holding a Plenary meeting

This revision will enable the Committee to meet in Recess weeks.

New Standing Order 37.4A

The revisions to Standing Orders 6.15; 8.14; 8.19B and 37.4A in connection with the Committee on the Better Governance of Wales White Paper will cease to have effect on 30 October 2005.

Recommendation

2. The Business Committee has agreed the proposed amendments and invites the Assembly to approve them.

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