

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 12 January 2021

Meeting time: 09.01 – 09.34

**Private**

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Rebecca Evans MS Darren Millar MS Siân Gwenllian MS Caroline Jones MS
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Ann Jones MS, Deputy Presiding Officer Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Senedd Siwan Davies, Director of Senedd Business Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service Elin Roberts, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd Gwion Evans, Head of the Llywydd's Private Office Helen Carey, Welsh Government Bethan Garwood, Dirprwy Glerc



# 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

# 2 Minutes of the previous meeting

# 3 Organisation of Business

## 3.1 This Week's Business

### This Week's Business

#### Tuesday

- Voting Time will take place after the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.40pm.

#### Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 5.40pm.

The Trefnydd drew Business Managers' attention to various additions to This Week's Business, including two suspensions of Standing Orders to allow some items to take place:

- Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy (45 mins)
- Motion to suspend Standing Orders (5 mins)
- Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following together but with separate votes: (30 minutes)
- The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020
- The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020
- The Health Protection (Coronavirus, South Africa) (Wales) Regulations 2020
- Motion to suspend Standing Orders (5 mins)

- LCM on the Trade Bill (30 mins)

The time for the budget debate would be reduced from 90 minutes to 60 minutes, and individual timings for Members and the Minister adjusted accordingly.

Business Managers noted that the Independent Alliance for Reform Group debate had been postponed until next week.

### *Virtual Meetings*

Business Committee agreed that Plenary meetings will continue to be virtual for the foreseeable future.

### **3.2 Three Week Timetable of Government Business**

The Trefnydd drew Business Managers' attention to the following changes:

#### **Tuesday 19 January 2021**

- Statement by the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales: The Welsh Government Response to the South East Wales Transport Commission's Final Recommendations (45 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Housing and Local Government: The Building Safety Regime White Paper (45 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Education: The Estyn Annual Report 2019/20 (45 mins)
- The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Restrictions) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2021 (15 mins)
- The Public Health (Protection from Eviction) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2021 (15 mins)

#### **Tuesday 26 January 2021**

- Debate: Stage 3 of the Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill (180 mins) - postponed until 10 February

### 3.3 Three Week Timetable of Senedd Business

Business Committee agreed that whilst Plenary meetings remain virtual, all Wednesday afternoon debates will be 30 minutes long, unless the Chair makes the case for a 60 minute debate. For this period, all contributions from Members other than those opening or closing will be 3 minutes rather than 5.

Business Committee agreed to schedule the following items of business.

#### Wednesday 20 January 2021 -

- ~~Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)~~
- Time allocated to the Independent Alliance for Reform Group (30 mins)

#### Wednesday 27 January 2021 -

- Appointment of an Acting Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (15 mins)
- ~~Short Debate – Suzy Davies (South Wales West) (30 mins)~~
- Short Debate – Laura Anne Jones (South Wales East) (30 mins)

#### Wednesday 3 February 2021 -

- Debate on the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Report: Turn up the volume: Inquiry into the live music industry (30 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (30 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (30 mins)
- ~~Short Debate – Laura Anne Jones (South Wales East) (30 mins)~~
- Short Debate – Suzy Davies (South Wales West) (30 mins)

## 4 Legislation

### 4.1 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) Regulations 2020

The Business Committee noted the regulations.

#### **4.2 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020**

The Business Committee noted the regulations.

#### **4.3 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales)(Amendment)(No. 2) Regulations 2020**

The Business Committee noted the regulations.

#### **4.4 The Health Protection (Coronavirus, South Africa) (Wales) Regulations 2020**

The Business Committee noted the regulations.

#### **4.5 The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020**

The Business Committee agreed to set a reporting deadline of Monday 25 January for the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to report on the regulations.

#### **4.6 The Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health Fees etc.) (Wales)(Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020**

The Business Committee agreed to set a reporting deadline of Monday 25 January for the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to report on the regulations.

#### **4.7 Landfill Disposals Tax (Tax Rates) (Wales) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2020**

The Business Committee agreed to set a reporting deadline of Monday 1 February for the Finance and Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committees to report on the regulations.

#### **4.8 The Land Transaction Tax (Tax Bands and Tax Rates) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020**

The Business Committee agreed to set a reporting deadline of Monday 1 February for the Finance and Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committees to report on the regulations.

#### **4.9 The Non-Domestic Rating (Multiplier) (Wales) Order 2021**

The Business Committee agreed to set a reporting deadline of Monday 8 February for the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to report on the regulations.

#### **4.10 The Public Health (Protection from Eviction) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2021**

The Business Committee agreed to set a reporting deadline of Monday 18 January for the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to report on the regulations.

#### **Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Restrictions) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2021**

The Business Committee agreed to set a reporting deadline of Monday 18 January for the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to report on the regulations.

### **5 Committees**

#### **5.1 Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee**

Business Committee noted the letter.

### **Any Other Business**

#### **Supplementary Legislative Consent Motion on the Trade Bill**

Business Committee agreed not to refer SLCM for scrutiny as the debate on the Trade Bill LCM is today.

### **Committee meetings**

The Llywydd referred to virtual committee meetings during recess and resource implications for the Commission. The Business Committee agreed to review Standing Order 17.46.

### **Recess dates**

Business Committee confirmed the dates for February half term:

*Monday 15 February – Sunday 21 February 2021*

### **Additional Meeting 18 January**

The Llywydd informed Business Managers of the agenda for the first additional meeting on 18 January:

#### **Papers to be considered for the first time**

- Brexit (Standing Orders 21 and 26)
- Commissioners and sub judice
- Legislation – Consolidation Bills

#### **Papers to be considered for the second/third time**

- Groups, size and Members changing
- Recall
- Review of Early Business Procedures