

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 1 February 2021

Meeting time: 11.00 – 12.42

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Rebecca Evans MS Mark Isherwood 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 Gwion Evans, Head of the Llywydd's Private Office Elin Roberts, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd Helen Carey, Welsh Government Bethan Garwood, Deputy Clerk



1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

The Llywydd welcomed Mark Isherwood to his first Business Committee meeting.

2 Standing Orders

2.1 Sub judice

The Members agreed in principle that exemptions to sub judice should be removed from the Standing Order and put in guidance.

2.2 Reviewing Standing Orders in relation to political groups

Business Managers had an initial discussion, and agreed to consult with their groups and return for a full discussion and decisions on the paper at their meeting of 22 February.

2.3 Committee Membership, Chairs and Political Balance

Business Managers had an initial discussion, and agreed to consult with their groups and return for a full discussion and decisions on the paper at their meeting of 22 February.

2.4 Recall procedures

Business Managers had an initial discussion, and agreed to consult with their groups and return for a full discussion and decisions on the paper at their meeting of 22 February.

2.5 Reviewing temporary Standing Orders

Business Managers agreed in principle that the temporary Standing Orders should be extended into the next Senedd to allow for their continued operation and a full review by the new Business Committee.

2.6 Conducting secret ballots in a virtual or hybrid Senedd

Business Managers agreed in principle that remote electronic voting should be made available to Members at the start of the new Senedd, including for the election of the Presiding Officer and deputy, and asked the Secretariat to bring forward more details on possible options.