

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 23 February 2021

Meeting time: 09.02 – 09.13

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 Helen Carey, Welsh Government Bethan Garwood, Deputy Clerk



1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

3 Organisation of Business

3.1 This Week's Business

Business Committee noted the arrangements for the joint item with the Welsh Youth Parliament, including that WYP Members would be present in the Zoom meeting before the start of Plenary and until the conclusion of the item.

Tuesday

- Voting Time will take place after the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.36pm

Wednesday

- Plenary will start at 12.45.
- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debates
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.15pm.

3.2 Three Week Timetable of Government Business

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

Tuesday 2 March 2021

- The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (15 mins)
- LCM on the Non-Domestic Rating (Lists) (No. 2) Bill (15 mins)

3.3 Three Week Timetable of Senedd Business

Business Committee agreed to schedule the following items of business:

Wednesday 17 March 2021 –

- Debate on the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee Report: Remote working: Implications for Wales (30 mins)
- Debate on the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Report: Should broadcasting be devolved? (30 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (30 mins)

3.4 Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee

Business Committee agreed to schedule a debate on two Velindre Cancer Centre petitions on 3 March, and a debate on ‘P-05-1056 Give Local Authorities powers to control the housing market in rural and tourist areas of Wales’ on 17 March.

4 Legislation

4.1 Update on current Legislative Consent Memorandums

Business Committee noted the latest position on LCMs and agreed to:

- refer the LCM on the Animal Welfare (Sentencing) Bill to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee for scrutiny with a reporting deadline of 25 March 2021;
- refer the LCM on the Armed Forces Bill to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny with a reporting deadline of 25 March 2021;
- formally refer the SLCM (No.2) on the Environment Bill to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee for scrutiny with a reporting deadline of 18 March 2021; and
- note the proposed legislative consent motion debate dates for the Non-Domestic Rating (Lists) (No. 2) Bill (2 March) and the Domestic Abuse Bill and Financial Services Bill (both 16 March).

4.2 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No.5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No.3) Regulations 2021

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