

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 8 December 2020

Meeting time: 09.00 – 09.38

**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, 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



## **1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

## **2 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of last week's meeting were agreed for publication

## **3 Organisation of Business**

### **3.1 This Week's Business**

#### **Tuesday**

- Voting Time will take place after the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.10pm.

#### **Wednesday**

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.20pm.

The Trefnydd drew Business Managers' attention to various changes to This Week's Business:

- the addition of a debate on the new Coronavirus restrictions to Tuesday's agenda, alongside a motion to suspend Standing Orders to allow it to take place;
- the statement by the Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport: Update on the Valleys Taskforce and the debate on the Equality and Human Rights Annual Review 2019–20 have both been reduced in time from 45 to 30 minutes; and
- the Non-Domestic Rating (Multiplier) (Wales) Order 2020 has been postponed.

#### ***Debate on Coronavirus Restrictions***

The Llywydd highlighted that a total of 17 amendments have been tabled to Tuesday's debate, and 5 to the Conservative debate on Wednesday, and that she may use her powers of selection, as usual.

### *Standards report*

For the proper conduct of business, Business Committee agreed to schedule the debate on the Standards Report as the final item before voting time.

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

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

#### **Tuesday 15 December 2020**

- Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following together but with separate votes: (30 mins)
  - The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions and Functions of Local Authorities) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2020
  - The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Restrictions) (Amendment) (No. 3) (Wales) Regulations 2020
- ~~LCM on the Medicines and Medical Devices Bill (15 mins)~~ – postponed until 12 January

#### **Tuesday 12 January 2021**

- LCM on the Medicines and Medical Devices Bill (15 mins)

### **3.3 Three Week Timetable of Senedd Business**

Business Committee agreed to schedule the following items of business.

#### **Wednesday 13 January 2021 –**

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)

**Wednesday 20 January 2021 –**

- Debate on the Children, Young People and Education Committee report: Children's rights in Wales (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

## **4 Legislation**

### **4.1 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions and Functions of Local Authorities) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2020**

The Business Committee agreed to set a reporting deadline of Monday 14 December for the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to report on the regulations.

### **4.2 Update on Legislative Consent Memorandums**

Business Committee agreed to refer the SLCM on the Medicines and Medical Devices Bill to the Health and Social Care Committee and LJC Committee with a reporting deadline of 11 January 2021 and the SLCM on the Environment Bill to the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee and LJC Committees with a reporting deadline of 4 February 2021.

Business Committee also agreed not to refer the SLCM on the Internal Market Bill to a committee.

### **4.3 Statutory Instrument Consent Motions**

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that she will respond to the LJC Committee chair on this matter and copy in Business Committee.

## **5 Committees**

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

Business Managers agreed to an additional meeting for the Committee on 16 December.

## **6 Standing Orders**

### **6.1 Recall Procedures**

The Llywydd encouraged Business Managers to feedback views from their groups on this and the following paper as they arise rather than wait for the next meeting.

Business Committee agreed to discuss the paper with their groups and come back to next week's meeting with any initial views.

### **6.2 Reviewing Standing Orders in relation to political groups**

Business Committee agreed to discuss the paper with their groups and come back to next week's meeting with any initial views.