

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 15 December 2020

Meeting time: 09.02 – 09.32

**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 Elin Roberts, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd Gwion Evans, Head of the Llywydd's Private Office Helen Carey, Welsh Government



## 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 8.25pm.

#### Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debates.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.30pm.

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

- the addition of two motions to suspend Standing Orders;
- the addition of a statement by the Counsel General on EU Transition;
- the addition of a debate on The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (School Premises and Further Education Institution Premises) (Wales) Regulations 2020;
- the addition of a debate on The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 4) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020;
- the addition of a debate on The Public Health (Protection from Eviction) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020;
- the addition of a debate on new levels of restrictions to respond to the coronavirus pandemic;

- the statement by the Minister for Mental Health, Well-being and Welsh Language: Publication of the national policy on Welsh language transmission and use in families has been postponed until January 2021;
- the debate on the Legislative Consent Motion on the Trade Bill has been postponed.

The Committee agreed that the order of Short Debates scheduled for 16 December would be Andrew RT Davies first and Neil Hamilton second.

The Committee discussed the likelihood of a recall of the Senedd taking place sometime between the end of term and 31 December to consider matters related to EU exit, and agreed that any recall should take place in a virtual format.

### 3.2 Three Week Timetable of Government Business

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

#### Tuesday 12 January 2021

- The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (30 mins)
- ~~Motion to vary the order of consideration of Stage 3 amendments to the Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill (5 mins)~~ - Postponed until 19 January

#### Tuesday 19 January 2021

- Motion to vary the order of consideration of Stage 3 amendments to the Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

Tuesday 26 January 2021

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

### 3.3 Three Week Timetable of Senedd Business

Business Committee agreed to schedule the following items of business.

Wednesday 13 January 2021 -

- Debate on petitions P-05-1063 and P-05-1074: access to facilities for sport and physical activity during lockdowns (60 mins)
- ~~Debate on petition P-05-1032 Legislate to prevent people from changing Welsh house names (30 mins)~~
- ~~Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)~~

Tuesday 20 January 2021 -

- Debate on petition P-05-1032 Legislate to prevent people from changing Welsh house names (30 mins)
- ~~Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)~~

Wednesday 27 January 2021 -

- Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

## **4 Legislation**

**4.1 Paper to note – The Public Health (Protection from Eviction) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020**

**4.2 Paper to note – The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 4) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020**

**4.3 Paper to note – The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (School Premises and Further Education Institution Premises) (Wales) Regulations 2020**

The Committee noted the letters.

The Committee also agreed to set a deadline for 11 January for the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to report on the No. 5 Coronavirus Regulations scheduled to be debated on 12 January.

**4.4 The Government of Wales Act 2006 (Amendment) Order 2021**

The Committee agreed to refer the proposed Order to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in accordance with Standing Order 25.7(i) with a reporting deadline of 14 January.

## **5 Committees**

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

The Committee agreed to schedule a 'Debate on petitions concerning access to facilities for sport and physical activity during lockdowns' for 60 minutes on 13 January, taking the place of the previously scheduled debate: P-05-1032 Legislate to prevent people from changing Welsh house names, and rescheduling that debate to 20 January 2020, and to re-order opposition debates accordingly.

## **5.2 Letter from the Chair of the Standards of Conduct Committee**

The Committee agreed to allow the Standards of Conduct Committee to arrange meetings outside of their scheduled slot during the weeks commencing 25 January, 1 February and 8 February if necessary.

## **6 Standing Orders**

### **6.1 Early Business Procedures**

### **6.2 Recall Procedures**

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

The Committee agreed to seek further views from their groups on these topics and report back during the first additional meeting of the Business Committee in the new year.