

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Zoom

Meeting date: 8 June 2021

Meeting time: 09.01 – 09.46

**Private**

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Lesley Griffiths MS Darren Millar MS Siân Gwenllïan MS
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Jane Dodds MS David Rees MS, Deputy Presiding Officer Manon Antoniazzi Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service Bethan Garwood Helen Carey, Welsh Government Gwion Evans, Head of the Llywydd's Private Office

## 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

The Llywydd welcomed the Members to the meeting.



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

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed for publication.

## **3 Organisation of Business**

### **3.1 This week's business**

The Trefnydd drew Business Managers' attention to the addition of the following statements:

- Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Update on Coronavirus (45 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Social Justice: EU Settled Status (45 mins)
- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Social Services: Respite and short breaks fund for unpaid carers (45 mins)

The Trefnydd agreed to reinstate the length of the BSA to 30 minutes from this week onwards.

Tuesday

- There will be no Voting Time.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 5.10pm.

Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.

Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.30pm.

### **3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business**

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

**Tuesday 15 June 2021**

Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Services supporting people to recover from COVID 19 (45 mins)

The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 11) Regulations 2021 (30 mins)

Debate: The UK Levelling Up and Shared Prosperity Funds (60 mins)

## **Tuesday 22 June 2021**

Statement by the Minister for Social Justice: Eradicating racism and building an anti-racist Wales (45 mins)

## **Tuesday 29 June 2021**

- Statement by the Minister for Social Justice: Advancing LGBTQ+ Equality in Wales (45 mins)

### **3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business**

Business Committee agreed to schedule the following items of business:

## **Wednesday 30 June 2021 -**

- Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal (30 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

## **4 Legislation**

### **4.1 Update on current Legislative Consent Memorandums**

Business Committee agreed that committees could be invited to report on the LCMs for the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rents) Bill, the Armed Forces Bill and the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill following the summer recess, and that they would take a

formal decision on referral and reporting deadlines once committees had been established.

## **5 Establishment and Remit of Committees**

### **5.1 Sixth Senedd Committees**

#### *Committee remits*

Business Committee agreed to meet informally at 5pm today, for further discussion after this morning's group meetings.

## **6 Senedd Commission**

### **6.1 Senedd Commission**

Business Committee also agreed to discuss this issue at its informal meeting later today.

## **Any Other Business**

#### *Proxy Voting*

The Llywydd informed the Committee that Adam Price has asked to have a proxy vote for parental absence cast on his behalf for a two week period starting today. The nominated proxy is Siân Gwenllian. The Llywydd is satisfied that he meets the requirements for a proxy vote under the Standing Orders and guidance, and will lay the required certificate today.

Business Managers also agreed to amend the temporary guidance to allow for further discretion for the Llywydd over the maximum duration that a proxy vote can be cast.

*The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 11) Regulations 2021*

The Trefnydd informed Business Managers that these regulations are scheduled for debate on 15 June. Business Committee agreed to set a reporting deadline of 14 June for the Interim Subordinate Legislation Committee.