

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Zoom

Meeting date: 9 November 2021

Meeting time: 09.03 – 09.20

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Lesley Griffiths MS Darren Millar MS Siân Gwenllian MS
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Jane Dodds MS David Rees MS, Deputy Presiding Officer Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk 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 Helen Carey, Welsh Government

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

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Tuesday

- Voting Time will take place as the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.15pm.

Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.20pm.

Business Committee noted security arrangements for potential protests this afternoon concerning the latest amendment to Coronavirus Regulations, relating to the proposed extension of Covid passes to additional settings.

3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

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

Tuesday 16 November 2021 –

- Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: Update on the Constitutional Commission (30 mins)

Tuesday 23 November 2021 –

- ~~LCM on the Leasehold reform (Ground Rents) Bill (15 mins)~~ – *postponed until 7 December*

The Trefnydd clarified that the Regulations that it is proposed are grouped for a single debate on 30 November all relate to the establishment of Corporate Joint Committees.

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

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Business Committee agreed to schedule the following items of business:

Wednesday 1 December 2021 –

- Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Debate on petition P-06-1208 New laws to protect rare red squirrels from habitat loss which causes population decline (30 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

4 Standing Orders

4.1 Amending Standing Orders: Membership of the Standards of Conduct Committee

Business Committee agreed the draft report, and to table a motion to revise Standing Orders for debate in Plenary on Wednesday 17 November 2021.

5 Any Other Business

Nominations for the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and the Committee of the Regions–UK Contact Group.

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that she has written to the Members proposed for nomination to discuss their preferences.

Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill SLCM

The Trefnydd informed Business Committee that the government had laid a supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum in relation to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill on 5 November, and that the debate on LCMs relating to this Bill is scheduled for 30 November.

Business Committee agreed to refer the supplementary LCM to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee with a reporting deadline of 25 November.