

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Zoom

Meeting date: 29 March 2022

Meeting time: 09.00 – 09.16

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	David Rees MS, Deputy Presiding Officer (Chair) Lesley Griffiths MS Siân Gwenllian MS Darren Millar MS
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk) Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk)
Others in attendance	Jane Dodds MS 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 Helen Carey, Welsh Government

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

The Llywydd sent her apologies and the Deputy Presiding Officer chaired the meeting in her place.



2 Minutes of the previous meeting

Following a discussion within the Plaid Cymru group, Sian Gwenllian requested that Business Committee return to the issue of Members of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee leaving Plenary early on 18 May, which had been agreed at the previous meeting. Business Committee agreed to discuss the principle of members of committees being allowed to leave Plenary meetings early in order to travel for committee business further at its next meeting.

3 Organisation of Business

3.1 This week's business

The Trefnydd drew Business Committee's attention to the following changes:

Tuesday

- ~~Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Update on~~
- ~~Covid-19 (30 mins) - withdrawn~~
- Statement by the Minister for Social Justice: Homes for Ukraine refugees scheme update (30 mins)
- ~~Statement by the Minister for Climate Change: Building Safety Update (45 mins) - withdrawn~~
- Motion to suspend Standing Orders (5 mins)
- Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following items together but with separate votes (30 mins)
 - The Coronavirus Act 2020 (Alteration of Expiry Date) (Wales) Regulations 2022
 - The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2022
 - The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions)
- Voting time will take place as the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.55pm.

The Deputy Presiding Officer reminded Business Managers that the timing of FMQs has been changed due to the First Minister's attendance at a Thanksgiving Service for Prince Philip in London. It will take place as item 2 following the Business Statement and Announcement.

Wednesday

The Trefnydd informed Business Committee that the Deputy Minister for Climate Change will answer oral questions on behalf of the Minister for Climate Change.

Business Committee noted a request from Plaid Cymru to change their member on the Standards of Conduct Committee from Heledd Fychan to Peredur Owen Griffiths. Darren Millar indicated that the Conservative group may also seek to make a change to their membership of the Standards of Conduct Committee at the same time and that this would be confirmed outside of the meeting.

The Deputy Presiding Officer therefore drew Business Committee's attention to the following addition to the agenda for tomorrow's meeting:

- Motion to elect a Member to a committee (5 mins)
- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.10pm.

The Deputy Presiding Officer asked Business Managers to remind their Members that as agreed last week they are expected to continue to wear face coverings in the Chamber this week, other than when speaking. A note will also be circulated to all Members.

3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

The Trefnydd drew Business Committee's attention to the following changes:

Tuesday 26 April 2022 –

- Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Update on Covid-19
- Statement by the Minister for Social Justice: Update on Ukraine
- Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Planned Care Recovery Plan
- Statement by the Minister for Social Justice: Delivery of the Programme for Government commitment to fund additional PCSOs
- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership: Conversion Therapy
- LCM on the Health and Care Bill
- Debate: Estyn Annual Report 2020-21

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

Business Committee agreed to schedule the following items of business:

Wednesday 11 May 2022 –

- 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)
- Short Debate (30 mins)

Business Committee noted provisional dates for Member Debates and Members' Legislative Proposals for the summer term.

4 Legislation

4.1 Update on LCMs

Update on LCMS

Business Committee received an update on current LCMs and agreed:

- to note that the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee will report on the latest SLCM (No. 5) on the Building Safety Bill this morning ahead of the proposed debate this afternoon;
- to refer the SLCM (No. 4) on the Health and Care Bill to the Health and Social Care Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny, with a reporting deadline of the morning of 26 April;
- to await a further update on the timetable in respect of the Online Safety Bill.

5 Committee Timetable

5.1 Letter from the Chair of the Local Government and Housing Committee

Business Committee noted the Committee's intention to hold its' additional meeting this week in public instead of its previous request to meet in private.