

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 3 May 2022

Meeting time: 09.01 – 09.32

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Lesley Griffiths MS Siân Gwenllian MS Darren Millar MS
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk)
Others in attendance	David Rees MS, Deputy Presiding Officer Jane Dodds MS 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 welcomed Members to the meeting

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

Tuesday

- Statement by the Minister for Economy: Border Controls (30 mins)
- Voting time will take place as the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 5.30pm.

Wednesday

- Questions to the Senedd Commission (~~30~~15 mins)
- ~~Short Debate: Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales) (30 mins)~~
- Voting time will take place as the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.10pm.

3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

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

Tuesday 10 May -

- Statement by the Minister for Climate Change: Welsh Housing Quality Standard 2
- Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: The Health and Social Care Outcome Framework

Tuesday 17 May -

- Statement by the Minister for Education and Welsh Language: The National Music Service: delivering the National Plan for Music Education

- Statement by the Minister for Climate Change: The Housing with Care Fund
- Statement by the Minister for Economy: Offshore Marine Energy

Business Committee noted that the order of questions to ministers on 11 May has been adjusted, with questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services being scheduled before questions to the Minister for Economy.

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

Business Committee agreed to schedule the following items of business:

Wednesday 25 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)

3.4 Member Debates: Selection of Motions for Debate

Business Committee considered the motions tabled and agreed to schedule the following motion for debate on 11 May:

NNDM7994

Alun Davies

Co-submitters

Rhun Ap Iorwerth

Samuel Kurtz

Jane Dodds

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that this year is the 90th anniversary of the Holodomor: the famine which killed an estimated 4–6 million people in Ukraine over 1932/33.
2. Further notes that this famine was the consequence of the deliberate actions and policies of the Soviet Union.
3. Expresses its sympathy and extends its solidarity to the people of Ukraine on behalf of the people of Wales.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to initiate a commemoration programme to remember the victims of the Holodomor and to raise awareness of the suffering of the people of Ukraine.

Business Committee also agreed to schedule the following motion for debate on 25 May:

NNDM7964

Jack Sargeant

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes:
 - a) that the Welsh Government was the first in the world to declare a climate emergency, recognising the serious threat climate change poses;
 - b) that public sector pension schemes continue to invest in fossil fuels and, for many years, campaigners have urged schemes to disinvest;
 - c) that the Welsh pension partnership moved quickly to withdraw investment from Russian holdings and has previously divested from coal, thus demonstrating that it is possible for pension funds to make these decisions;
 - d) that Members of the Senedd took the initiative to divest their own pension funds from fossil fuels;
 - e) that if public sector pension schemes in Wales disinvest, Wales would be the first nation in the world to achieve this, demonstrating to fund providers the need to create fossil fuel free investment products;

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the public sector to agree a strategy to decarbonise pensions by 2030, thus bringing them into line with current public sector net-zero targets.

4 Standing Orders

4.1 Review of Standing Order 34 and remote participation in Plenary: proposed approach

Business Committee agreed the proposed terms of reference and approach to evidence gathering for the review, including that it should consider both the status of provisions currently contained within Standing Order 34 (Emergency Procedures) and continuation of remote participation in Senedd proceedings in the medium-term before summer recess. Business Committee also agreed that the longer-term position in relation to remote participation and voting, including for future Senedd terms, should be subject to further consideration and consultation later in this Senedd term.