

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 17 May 2022

Meeting time: 09.00 – 09.23

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) Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk)
Others in attendance	David Rees MS, Deputy Presiding Officer Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk Siwan Davies, Director of Senedd Business Gwion Evans, Head of the Llywydd's Private Office 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. Jane Dodds sent her apologies.



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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

Tuesday

The Llywydd informed Business Committee that the First Minister will be answering FMQs remotely due to travel on official business.

- Voting time will take place as the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 5.45pm.

Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.10pm.

Business Committee noted that only nine questions were tabled to the Minister for Climate Change for answer this week.

Business Committee agreed to a request from members of the Culture, Communications, Welsh, Language, Sport and International Relations Committee to change the order of debates on Wednesday so that Members can contribute to the Plaid Cymru debate on Women's Health, before travelling to North Wales for committee business. Business Committee would return to the discussion of the principles of Members absence from Plenary in order to attend other Senedd business at a future meeting.

The Trefnydd stated that she had raised the issue of Ministers being present in the Chamber in good time for their items of business at Cabinet.

3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

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

Tuesday 24 May 2022 –

- Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: Justice in Wales (30 mins)

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

Business Committee agreed to schedule the following items of business:

Wednesday 8 June 2022 –

- Debate on the report of the Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform (120 mins)
- ~~Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report: Report on storm overflows in Wales (30 mins)~~
- ~~Debate on the Equality and Social Justice Committee report: Annual scrutiny of the Future Generations Commissioner: An update (60 mins)~~

Wednesday 15 June 2022 –

- Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report: Report on storm overflows in Wales (30 mins)
- Debate on the Equality and Social Justice Committee report: Annual scrutiny of the Future Generations Commissioner: An update (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

4 Legislation

4.1 Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Business Committee considered the letter from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and the points raised about the opportunities for Member Bills in the Committee's recent report on the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the British Sign Language Bill. Business Committee agreed to consider a paper regarding the potential for reviewing the Member Bill selection process.