

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 24 May 2022

Meeting time: 09.00 – 09.14

**Private**

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Lesley Griffiths MS Russell George MS Llyr Gruffydd MS
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk) Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk)
Others in attendance	David Rees MS, Deputy Presiding Officer 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 Service, Helen Carey, Welsh Government

## 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

The Llywydd welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies were received from:



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**Welsh Parliament**

- Darren Millar – Russell George attended in his place;
- Siân Gwenllian – Llyr Gruffydd attended in her place

## 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 Committee's attention to the following change to Tuesday's meeting:

- Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: Justice in Wales (~~30~~ 45 mins)
- Voting Time will take place as the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 5.45pm.

Business Committee noted that Labour group intends to change its member on the Local Government and Housing Committee from Alun Davies to Jane Bryant. The Llywydd therefore drew Business Committee's attention to the following addition to the agenda for Wednesday'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 6.40pm.

### 3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

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

**Tuesday 14 June 2022 –**

- Statement by the Minister for Social Justice: Update on Ukraine (30 mins)

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

Business Committee agreed to schedule the following items of business:

**Wednesday 22 June 2022 –**

- Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report: Annual Report on Natural Resources Wales (30 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)

The Llywydd informed Business Committee of her intentions regarding extending speaking time allocations for Members during the 120 minute debate on the report of the Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform on 8 June.

## **4 Legislation**

### **4.1 Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Bill – Timetable**

Business Committee agreed to refer the Bill to the Equality and Social Justice Committee, and defer a decision on the timetable for the Bill in order to consult the Committee and return to the matter at a future meeting.

## **5 Committee Timetable**

### **5.1 Letter from the Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee**

Business Committee agreed the request for an additional meeting on 9 June 2022.

## **6 Committees**

### **6.1 Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee**

Business Committee agreed the request for the Committee to meet outside of its normal slot on 13 June and for Members of the Committee to be excused from Plenary on Wednesday 15 June in order to travel to London for interparliamentary working with counterpart committees in both Houses of Parliament.

### **6.2 Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee**

Business Committee agreed the request to allow Members of the Committee to be excused from Plenary on Wednesday 15 June, in order to travel to Scotland to attend the inaugural meeting of the Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum.

Business Committee agreed to return to a further discussion about its role in relation to considering requests for Members to be absent from Plenary due to committee business at a future meeting.

## **7 Any Other Business**

### **Review of remote participation and Standing Order 34**

The Llywydd informed Business Committee that the Member questionnaire relating to the Business Committee review of Standing Order 34 (Emergency Procedures) and remote participation in Senedd business will be circulated following the meeting, with responses required by 9 June, and that the Chairs' Forum will be discussing its response to the review at its meeting on 26 May.