

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 28 June 2022

Meeting time: 09.00 – 09.36

## Private

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Lesley Griffiths MS Siân Gwenllian MS Russell George MS
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk) Yan Thomas (Deputy 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 Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Helen Carey, Welsh Government



## **1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

The Llywydd welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies were received from Darren Millar, Russell George attended in his place.

## **2 Minutes of the previous meeting**

Business Committee discussed further the matter of remote participation in proceedings, specifically whether it should be specified that Members have a right to participate remotely and the expectations in relation to Ministers' attendance at committees. The Committee agreed to return to these issues when agreeing final proposals at the next meeting.

## **3 Organisation of Business**

### **3.1 This week's business**

#### **Tuesday**

- Voting time will take place as the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.30pm.

The Trefnydd noted that the Government has re-ordered Tuesday's business and that the debates and voting time will be taken at the end of session, following the postponement of a constitutional lecture previously planned for this evening.

#### **Wednesday**

- Voting time will take place as the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.10pm.

The Llywydd confirmed the timings of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee Chair's Statement, including that the first speaker from the Labour group will have up to five minutes for their contribution.

### **3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business**

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

**Tuesday 12 July 2022 –**

- Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following items together but with separate votes (30 mins)
  - The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Housing Association Tenancies: Fundamental Provisions) Regulations 2022
  - The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2022
  - The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Amendment of Schedule 12) Regulations 2022
  - The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Amendment) Regulations 2022
- The Corporate Joint Committees (General) (No.2) (Wales) Regulations 2022 (10 mins)
- The Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Wales) Order 2022 (30 mins)
- The Plant Health etc. (Fees) (Amendment) (Wales) (EU Exit) (No.2) Regulations 2022 (15 mins)
- The Regulated Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (10 mins)

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

Business Committee agreed to schedule the following items of business:

**Wednesday 12 September 2022 –**

- Debate on the Equality and Social Justice Committee report: Fuel poverty and the Warm Homes Programme (60 mins)
- Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report: Renewable energy in Wales (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

### **3.4 Debates on Members' Legislative Proposals – selection of motion for debate**

Business Committee agreed to schedule the following motion for debate on Wednesday 6 July 2022:

NNDM8038 Luke Fletcher

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To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill to ban ‘no pet’ clauses in rented accommodation.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to:
  - a) introduce a standard tenancy agreement similar to the UK Parliament’s model tenancy agreement announced in January 2021;
  - b) propose a series of measures which would ensure that responsible pet owners are not treated unfairly as a consequence of the type of accommodation they live in;
  - c) allow consent for pets as the legal default in social housing and the private rented sector, unless there is a justifiable reason not to do so;
  - d) extend the allowing of pets in homeless shelters and accommodation.

## **4 Legislation**

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

Business Committee considered the request from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for changes to be made to the proposed timetable for scrutiny of The Historic Environment (Wales) Bill and agreed to extend the reporting deadlines for Initial Consideration to 16 December 2022 and for Detailed Committee Consideration to 3 March 2023.

### **4.2 Letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee**

Business Committee considered the request from the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee for an extension to the reporting deadline on the LCM on the Procurement Bill and agreed to extend the reporting deadline to 10 November 2022.

## **5 Tabling arrangements**

### **5.1 Summer Recess 2022: tabling arrangements**

Business Committee agreed the arrangements for tabling plenary business and the arrangements for the tabling of Written Questions during the Summer recess.

## **6 Standing Orders**

### **7.1 Review of Standing Order 12.41 A–H on Proxy Voting**

Business Committee considered the temporary Standing Orders (12.41A–H) on proxy voting for parental leave and agreed to propose to the Senedd that these are extended to 1 April 2023 in order to enable a full review of the provisions at a later date, following the conclusion of the current review of Standing Order 34 and remote participation.