

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 25 October 2022

Meeting time: 09.00 – 09.09

Private

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 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, 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 Darren Millar, Russell George attended in his place. Apologies also received from David Rees.



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2 Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed for publication.

3 Organisation of Business

3.1 This week's business

The Trefnydd drew Business Managers' attention to the following changes to Tuesday's business:

- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Climate Change: Closure of the Menai Bridge (30 mins)
- ~~Statement by the Deputy Minister for Arts and Sport, and Chief Whip: National Contemporary Art Gallery (30 mins) *Withdrawn*~~
- ~~Debate: The Welsh Language Commissioner's Annual Report 2021–22 (60 mins) *Postponed until 15 November*~~
- There will be no voting time.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 5.15pm.

The Llywydd noted that a photographer will be in the Siambr at the start of Tuesday's proceedings to take new photos for use on the Senedd website.

Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.45pm.

3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

Tuesday 8 November –

- ~~Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Update on Maternity and Neonatal Service Improvement at Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board (30 mins) *withdrawn*~~

Tuesday 15 November –

- Debate: The Welsh Language Commissioner’s Annual Report 2021–22 (60 mins)

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

Business Committee agreed to schedule the following items of business:

Wednesday 16 November –

- Motion to approve the Senedd Commission’s Budget for 2023–24 (30 mins)

Wednesday 23 November –

- Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Debate on the Local Government and Housing Committee report: The provision of sites for Gypsy, Roma and Travellers (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

4 Legislation

4.1 The Historic Environment (Wales) Bill – Timetable

Business Committee noted the updated timetable reflecting changes to deadlines previously agreed by the Committee.

4.2 Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding their Annual Report 2021/22

The Business Committee considered the letter and agreed to respond to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to concur that assessments of the time available for the Senedd to consider legislation are a matter for Business Committee, and to copy that response to the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution and the Trefnydd.

5 Any Other Business

Senedd Reform Work

Business Committee agreed that its meeting on 15 November should start at 8.45 to enable standard business to be considered prior to the commencement of a public session on recommendations made by the Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform. The Llywydd expressed her preference for the Committee to conduct that meeting in person.