

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 10 January 2023

Meeting time: 09.01 – 09.25

**Private**

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Lesley Griffiths MS Darren Millar MS Siân Gwenllian 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 Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service, Helen Carey, Welsh Government Anna Daniel, Head of Strategic Transformation



## **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**

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

- Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: NHS Winter Pressures (~~30~~45 mins)

Siân Gwenllian asked that consideration be given to extending the time allocated to the above statement further, in light of the pressures experienced in the NHS over the Christmas period. The Llywydd indicated that she would be flexible on the timings to ensure a sufficient number of Members are able to be called to make contributions.

- There will be no Voting Time on Tuesday.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 5.30pm.

#### **Wednesday**

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.15pm.

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

The Trefnydd drew Business Managers' attention to the following additions to the timetable:

## Tuesday 24 January 2023

- Statement by the Minister for Education and Welsh Language: School Improvement and the Information Landscape (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Education and Welsh Language: Census 2021 – Welsh Language Results (30 mins)
- The Landfill Disposals Tax (Tax Rates) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (15 mins)
- The Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (15 mins)

The Committee considered a note on the structure and timings for the first instance of an Initial Consideration debate on a Consolidation Bill – the Historic Environment (Wales) Bill, which is scheduled for Tuesday 17 January.

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

Business Committee agreed to the following additions to the timetable:

## **Wednesday 1 February 2023 –**

- Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Debate on the Children, Young People and Education Committee’s report on Pupil Absence (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)

## **4 Legislation**

### **4.1 The Landfill Disposals Tax (Tax Rate) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2022**

The Business Committee agreed to refer the Regulations to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and the Finance Committee for scrutiny, and requested that

the committees report by Monday 23 January 2023 to enable the regulations to be considered by the Senedd on Tuesday 24 January 2023.

## **4.2 Update on LCMs**

Business Committee considered an update from the Trefnydd and agreed to:

- refer the supplementary LCM (Memorandum No 4) on the Online Safety Bill laid on 21 December to the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny, with a reporting deadline, for this and previous LCMs on this Bill, of 2 March 2023;
- refer the supplementary LCM (Memorandum No 2) on the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill laid on 21 December to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny, with a reporting deadline, for this and previous LCMs on this Bill, of 2 March 2023;
- refer the supplementary LCM (Memorandum No 2) on the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill laid on 4 January to the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny, with a reporting deadline, for this and previous LCMs on this Bill, of 9 March 2023;
- refer the supplementary LCM (Memorandum No 4) on the Procurement Bill laid on 19 December to the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny, with a reporting deadline, for this and previous LCMs on this Bill, of 2 March 2023.

## **4.3 Correspondence from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill**

Business Committee noted the letter and the concerns expressed in relation to the expedited timetable of the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill. The Llywydd indicated that she had met with the Chair of the Legislation,

Justice and Constitution Committee in December and agreed that officials will draft a report for Business Committee detailing the lessons learnt from the scrutiny process on this Bill, which can be referenced in the event of any future request for an expedited timetable for scrutiny of a Bill.

#### **4.4 Correspondence from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill**

Business Committee noted the letter and the concerns raised by the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding the potential implications for that Committee, and the business of the Senedd, which may arise as a result of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill introduced in the UK Parliament.

Darren Millar suggested that Business Committee may wish to consider establishing an additional committee in order to respond to concerns about scrutiny capacity. Business Committee agreed to monitor developments and to maintain a dialogue with the Welsh Government, whilst keeping all options open.

#### **4.5 Correspondence from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding the Historic Environment (Wales) Bill**

Business Committee considered the recommendations made by the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in its report on the Bill and agreed to respond to accept both recommendations addressed to the Business Committee.

#### **4.6 Papers to note – Correspondence between the First Minister and the Finance Committee regarding scrutiny of the financial implications of Bills**

Business Committee noted the letters and agreed to await a further response from the First Minister to the Finance Committee before giving any further consideration to the practice of voting on the Financial Resolution motion for Bills on the same day as the Stage 1 debate.