

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 9 May 2023

Meeting time: 09.00 – 09.20

Private

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	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 Siân Wilkins, Head of Procedures and Parliamentary Skills Helen Carey, Welsh Government

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

The Llywydd welcomed Members to the meeting. Apologies were received from Jane Dodds.



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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 Trefnydd drew Business Managers' attention to the following change:

- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Social Services: Update on the Delivery Plan for Age Friendly Wales: Our Strategy for an Ageing Society (30 mins)
- Voting Time will take place as the last item.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 5.35pm.

Wednesday

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

3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

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

Tuesday 16 May 2023

- Motion under Standing Order 16.5 to establish a Senedd Committee (5 mins)
- Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: Electoral Reform (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Education and Welsh Language: Reducing Workload (30 mins)

- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Social Services: National Care Service – Expert Group Report Implementation Plan (Stage 1) Publication (30 mins)

Tuesday 23 May 2023

- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Climate Change: Update on Bus Services (45 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip: Cost of Living (30 mins)
- ~~LCM on the Levelling up and Regeneration Bill (30 mins)~~ – *postponed until 6 June*

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

The following additions were agreed to the Three Week Timetable of Senedd Business:

Wednesday 7 June 2023 –

- Debate on the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee report: The Welsh Government’s EV charging infrastructure strategy and action plan (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate: Buffy Williams (Rhondda) (30 mins)

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

Business Committee considered the proposed motion for debate and agreed to schedule it on 17 May:

Janet Finch–Saunders

NNDM8230

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill to ensure that high-rise building developers are responsible for safety issues.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to:
 - a) create a duty on developers to refund leaseholders for reasonable costs accrued due to building safety issues; and
 - b) prohibit any developer who refuses to remediate the fire safety defects on buildings they developed from being awarded planning permission for any new developments in Wales.

4 Legislation

4.1 Update on LCMs

Business Committee received an update on current LCMs and agreed to:

- extend the reporting deadline for supplementary LCM (Memorandum No 3) on the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill to 5 June;
- extend the reporting deadline for the LCM on the Protection from Sex-based Harassment in Public Bill to 8 June;
- refer the Illegal Immigration Bill LCM to the Children, Young People and Education Committee for scrutiny with a reporting deadline of 15 June.

5 Procedural Work Programme

5.1 Business Committee procedural work programme

Business Committee considered and agreed an updated programme for its procedural work, including to give further consideration to the following items prior to the summer recess:

- The introduction of 'grand debates' in Plenary
- Post-Brexit procedural reforms
- Member Bills

- Matters arising as a result of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill

The Committee agreed to give further consideration to procedural work which may be required as a result of Senedd Reform once legislation has been introduced.