

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 16 May 2023

Meeting time: 09.00 – 09.41

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Lesley Griffiths MS Darren Millar MS Siân Gwenllïan 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 Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service, Bethan Davies, 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 by David Rees.

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: National Care Service—
Expert Group Report Implementation Plan (Stage 1) Publication (30 mins)~~
Postponed
- Voting Time will take place before Stage 3 proceedings of the of the Agriculture (Wales) Bill.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.30pm.

The Llywydd confirmed that a short break will be taken before the start of Stage 3 proceedings to facilitate final preparations, and that the bell will be rung 5 minutes before the resumption of proceedings.

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 additions:

Tuesday 23 May 2023

- Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: The Public Order Act – Implications for Wales (30 mins)

Tuesday 6 June 2023

- Statement by the Minister for Economy: Economic Development in Mid-Wales (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Education and Welsh Language: A Review of Education's Links with Employers (30 mins)

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

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

Wednesday 14 June 2023 –

- Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Debate on Children, Young People and Education report – Mental Health Support in Higher Education (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate: Delyth Jewell (South Wales East) (30 mins)

The Llywydd noted that the deadline for the submission of Member Debate motions for 14 June will fall during May half-term recess, in order to accommodate two Member Debates to take place next term.

4 Legislation

4.1 The Infrastructure (Wales) Bill – timetable

Business Committee agreed that the Bill be referred to the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee for consideration of the general principles. The Committee also agreed to defer a decision on the timetable for the Bill in order to consult the CCEI Committee, and return to the matter at a future meeting.

5 Committees

5.1 Letter from the Chair of the Local Government and Housing Committee regarding a request to undertake Committee business in Edinburgh and Barcelona

Business Committee agreed to a request for Members of the Local Government and Housing Committee to leave Plenary early on 7 June in order to undertake Committee business in Edinburgh. The Committee also agreed a request for Mabon ap Gwynfor MS to not attend Plenary on 6 and 7 June due to his attendance at the International Social Housing Festival in Barcelona as part of the Committee's work into Social Housing Supply.

6 European Engagement

6.1 Correspondence regarding the Congress of the Council of Europe

Business Committee discussed the ongoing matter of the Senedd's nominations for representatives on the Congress of the Council of Europe. The Committee agreed to return to the matter at the following meeting.

6 Any other business

Darren Millar asked whether further consideration has been given to the organisation of committee and plenary business in light of the impact of Rhys ab Owen MS's ongoing suspension from the Plaid Cymru Group. The Llywydd indicated that Business Committee would consider this matter further alongside any implications that arise from the Senedd's consideration of the motion to establish a Senedd Committee during Plenary this afternoon.