

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Remote – Digital

Meeting date: 27 June 2023

Meeting time: 09.00 – 09.29

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Lesley Griffiths MS Siân Gwenllïan MS Darren Millar 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, Bethan Davies, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Nia Moss, Research Service Dan Collier, Strategic Transformation Service Helen Carey, Welsh Government



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 changes:

- ~~Statement by the Minister for Climate Change: Government Response to the 'Developing the UK Emissions Trading Scheme' Consultation (30 mins)~~ *Postponed until 4 July*
- Agriculture (Wales) Bill: Signification of His Majesty's Consent (5 mins)
- Voting Time will take place as the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.55pm.

Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.40pm.

3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

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

Tuesday 4 July 2023

- Statement by the Minister for Climate Change: Government Response to the 'Developing the UK Emissions Trading Scheme' Consultation (30 mins)

Tuesday 11 July 2023

- Statement by the Minister for Education and Welsh Language: Progress on the Roll out of the new Curriculum (30 mins)

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

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

Wednesday 13 September 2023 –

- Debate on the Equality and Social Justice Committee report: Unsustainable – debt fuelled by the rising cost of living (60 mins)
- Debate on petition P-06-1337 Sycharth, the home of Owain Glyndŵr, should be bought to safeguard the site for future generations (30 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate (30 mins)

4 Committees

4.1 Letter from the Chair of the Wales Covid-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee regarding a committee meeting slot

Business Committee considered and agreed the request for the Committee to meet for the first time on Tuesday 11 July.

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that a draft report containing the proposed Temporary Standing Orders relating to the co-chairing arrangements for the Committee will be presented at the next Business Committee meeting.

5 Senedd Reform

5.1 Paper to note – Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd regarding Senedd reform and the Presiding Officer title

Business Committee noted the letter and that the Welsh Government will not incorporate changes to the title used for the Presiding and Deputy Presiding Officers in forthcoming legislation on Senedd Reform.

It was agreed that the Secretariat would provide a legal note on differences in the Senedd's legislative competence to amend the name of the institution and the title of the Presiding and Deputy Presiding Officers.

6 Procedural Work Programme

6.1 Post EU–exit procedural considerations

Business Committee agreed to review the relevant Standing Orders identified in recent recommendations of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the practical effect of the UK Internal Market Act 2020 on legislation made by, or impacting upon, the Senedd.

As part of the review, Business Committee noted that proposals will be produced in respect of the potential ways in which Standing Orders could be amended, and agreed that it would consult with the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.

Business Committee also agreed to consider proposals to change current scrutiny arrangements for Common Policy Frameworks as recommended by the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee of the Fifth Senedd, in consultation with the Chairs' Forum.

7 Any other business

Siân Gwenllïan proposed that consideration of job sharing in non–executive additional office holder roles in the Senedd be brought forward to the autumn term. Business Committee agreed to continue with the existing programming of its procedural work,

including to give further consideration to job sharing during 2024, and to consider an updated procedural work programme early in the autumn term.