

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 26 September 2023

Meeting time: 09.01 – 09.18

**Private**

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Heledd Fychan Lesley Griffiths MS Darren Millar 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, Deputy Chief Executive, Clerk and Director of Senedd Business Bethan Davies, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Julian Luke, 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 Jane Dodds MS.

## **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 informed Business Managers of the following addition to Tuesday's agenda:

- Statement by the Minister for Climate Change: Net Zero Commitments (45 mins)
- There will be no Voting Time.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 5.45pm.

The Llywydd notified Business Managers that she has agreed for a photographer to be able to access the Siambr on a regular basis over the next few weeks in order to build a more comprehensive library of images which can be utilised for both corporate communications as well as by Members themselves.

#### **Wednesday**

The Llywydd asked Business Managers to remind their Members that timings for contributions are restricted during 30-minute opposition debates. The Llywydd also stated that she will call speakers in such a way as to ensure that a balance of views is able to be expressed during the debates.

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.45pm.

### 3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

The Trefnydd informed Business Managers of the following change to the Three-Week Timetable of Government Business:

#### Tuesday 10 October 2023

- ~~Statement by the Minister for Climate Change: Welsh Housing Quality Standard (30 mins)~~ – *postponed until 24 October*

Heledd Fychan requested an update on the timing of an oral statement concerning potential changes to the Budget 2023–24. The Trefnydd confirmed that the Minister for Finance and Local Government would make an oral statement during October.

### 3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

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

#### Wednesday 18 October 2023 –

- Debate on the Local Government and Housing Committee report – Local Authority Library and Leisure Services (60 mins)
- Debate on Petition P-06-1345: Make conservation management plans compulsory for scheduled monuments at risk such as Ruperra Castle (30 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate: Rhianon Passmore (Islwyn) (30 mins)

## **4 Legislation**

### **4.1 Letter from the Chair of the Reform Bill Committee regarding the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill**

### **4.2 Letter from the Chair of the Local Government and Housing Committee regarding the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill timetable**

Business Committee noted the responses from the Reform Bill Committee and the Local Government and Housing Committee regarding arrangements for scrutiny of the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill.

Business Committee agreed that the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill be referred to the Local Government and Housing Committee for consideration of the general principles. The Committee also agreed the proposed timetable for scrutiny of the Bill.

## **5 Committees**

### **5.1 Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee requesting debate slots**

Business Committee agreed to the Petitions Committee's request to hold a debate on petition P-06-1345 on 18 October 2023, and for a debate to be scheduled on petition P-06-1356 at a later date.

### **5.2 Letter from the Chair of the Llywydd's Committee regarding meeting slots**

Business Committee agreed to the Llywydd's Committee's request to meet on the morning of Tuesday 7 November 2023. Business Committee also agreed that the Committee should continue to request alternative meeting slots as and when it needs to meet outside of its allocated meeting slot.