

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 10 October 2023

Meeting time: 09.01 – 09.10

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Heledd Fychan MS Lesley Griffiths MS Darren Millar MS
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk) Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk)
Others in attendance	David Rees MS, Deputy Presiding Officer Siwan Davies, Deputy Chief Executive and 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.



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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

- Voting Time will take place before Stage 3 proceedings.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.15pm.

The Llywydd informed Business Committee of her intention to make a brief statement and invite the Senedd to hold a moment of reflection for those affected by the conflict in Israel and Palestine. Business Committee agreed that the Llywydd would also call Party Leaders to make brief statements.

Wednesday

At the request of the Government, Business Committee agreed that the opposition debates be re-ordered to facilitate the Deputy Minister for Mental Health & Wellbeing to respond to the Welsh Conservatives debate on mental health, as reflected below:

- Plaid Cymru debate: HS2 consequential funding (60 mins) *re-ordered to item 7*
- Welsh Conservatives debate: Mental health (60 mins) *re-ordered to item 8*
- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.10pm.

The Llywydd asked Business Managers to remind members of their groups that they should not arrive late for items they wish to contribute to and stated that she and the DPO intend to take a firm line on not calling Members in such circumstances in the future. The Llywydd also asked Business Managers to remind Members of the

expectation that they do not leave the Siambur during items on which they have contributed.

3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

The Trefnydd informed Business Managers that there are no changes to the Three Week Timetable of Government Business.

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

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

Wednesday 8 November 2023 –

- Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate: Huw Irranca-Davies (Ogmore) (30 mins)

4 Legislation

4.1 Update on LCMs

Business Committee agreed to refer Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 5) on the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill to the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee, the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee, and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny, with a reporting deadline of 16 October.

4.2 Letter from the Chair of the Local Government and Housing Committee regarding the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (No. 4) for the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill

Business Committee noted that the Local Government and Housing Committee does not intend to report on the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (No. 4) for the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill as the amendments covered by that

Memorandum fall outside the LGH Committee's remit. For the same reason, Business Committee agreed not to refer the SLCM (No.5) to the LGH Committee.

5 Committees

5.1 Letter from the Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee regarding their meeting on 4 December 2023

Business Committee agreed the request for the Equality and Social Justice Committee to meet earlier than its scheduled meeting time on 4 December, in order to facilitate an evidence session with the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip.