

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 14 November 2023

Meeting time: 09.01 – 09.19

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	Jane Dodds MS David Rees MS, Deputy Presiding Officer Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk 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 Alun Davidson, Constitutional Change Team Leader and Clerk 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 Health and Social Services: Primary Care (30 mins)~~
Withdrawn
 - Motion to suspend Standing Orders (5 mins)
 - The Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2023 (15 mins)
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- Voting Time will take place as the last item of business.
 - Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.40pm.

Heledd Fychan asked whether the Government would be making a statement on the current closure of the A470 in Talerddig. The Trefnydd informed Business Managers that a statement would not be brought forward today.

Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate

- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.40pm.

3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

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

Tuesday 28 November 2023 –

- Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following items together but with separate votes (30 mins)
 - The Waste Separation Requirements (Wales) Regulations 2023
 - The Prohibition on the Incineration, or the Deposit in Landfill, of Specified Waste (Wales) Regulations 2023
 - The Prohibition on Disposal of Food Waste to Sewer (Civil Sanctions) (Wales) Order 2023
- The Plant Health etc. (Miscellaneous Fees) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2023 (5 mins)
- The Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Civil Sanctions) (Wales) Regulations 2023 (15 mins)
- Debate: Stage 4 of the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill (15 mins)

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

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

Wednesday 6 December 2023 –

- Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Mark Isherwood (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate: Heledd Fychan (South Wales Central) (30 mins)

4 Legislation

4.1 Response from the Chair of the Local Government and Housing Committee regarding the Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill timetable

Business Committee considered the response from the Local Government and Housing Committee and agreed the proposed timetable for the Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill.

4.2 Timetable for the Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill

The Business Committee agreed to refer the Bill to the Reform Bill Committee for consideration of the general principles and deferred a decision on the timetable for the Bill in order to consult that Committee, and to return to the matter at a future meeting.

4.3 Timetable for the Residential Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill

The Business Committee agreed to refer the Bill to the Children, Young People and Education Committee for consideration of the general principles and deferred a decision on the timetable for the Bill in order to consult that Committee, and to return to the matter at a future meeting.

5 Procedural Work

5.1 Procedures required for scrutiny of legislation relating to the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 and UK-wide common policy frameworks

Following recommendations previously made by the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and the Health and Social Care Committee, Business Committee considered proposals for:

- amendments to Standing Orders to ensure that documentation accompanying Welsh Government Bills and Subordinate Legislation includes an assessment of the impact of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (UKIMA);
- a new Standing Order which would require the Welsh Government to notify the Senedd of the effect of legislation in other parts of the UK which, by virtue of the UKIMA, might impact the sale of goods and services in Wales; and
- notification of the impact on Senedd legislation of UK-wide common policy frameworks.

The Trefnydd stated that the Welsh Government does not consider the proposals to be necessary on the basis that it does not consider that the United Kingdom Internal Market Act has an impact on legislation passed by the Senedd.

Business Committee agreed to seek the views of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, the Health and Social Care Committee and the Chairs' Forum on the proposals, with a view to returning to the issue at a later meeting.