

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 6 February 2024

Meeting time: 09.00 – 09.20

**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	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 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 informed Business Managers of the following changes:

- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership: South Wales Fire and Rescue Service review of culture and values – next steps (45 mins)
- ~~The Special School Residential Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) 2024 (5 mins)~~ *Postponed*
- Motion to suspend Standing Orders (5 mins)
- Debate: The steel industry in Wales (60 mins)
  
- Voting Time will take place as the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 8.20pm

#### 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 informed Business Managers of the following change to the Three Week Timetable of Government Business:

**Tuesday 20 February 2024**

- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Well-being: The 'Mental Health and Well-being' and 'Suicide and Self-Harm Prevention' Strategies (45 mins)

**Tuesday 5 March 2024**

### **Committee of the Whole Senedd**

- Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill – Stage 2 proceedings

#### **3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business**

Due to the Committee of the Whole Senedd taking place on 6 March, the Committee agreed not to schedule any debates that day.

**Tuesday 6 March 2024 –**

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## **4 Legislation**

### **4.1 Timetables for the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill and the Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill**

The Business Committee considered a paper concerning the timetables for the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill and the Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill. The Committee agreed to defer a decision on revising the timetables for the Bills, in order to consult the Local Government and Housing Committee and to return to the matter at a future meeting.

Business Committee also requested a note on arrangements for appointment of Counsel General once the current officeholder ceases to hold office, in accordance with Standing Order 9.8, following nominations for First Minister. The note would also cover the remit and responsibilities of the current Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution.

## **4.2 Update on LCMs**

Business Committee agreed to:

- refer the LCM on the Criminal Justice Bill laid on 29 January to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny, with a reporting deadline of 22 March 2024;
- refer the LCM on the Renters (Reform) Bill laid on 30 January to the Local Government and Housing Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny, with a reporting deadline of 15 March 2024;
- refer the supplementary LCM on the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill laid on 30 January to the Local Government and Housing Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny, with a reporting deadline of 15 March 2024.