

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 19 November 2024

Meeting time: 09.01 – 09.17

Remote/ Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Heledd Fychan MS Jane Hutt 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 Matthew Richards, Interim Director of Senedd Business Bethan Davies, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service Siân Wilkins, Head of Procedures and Parliamentary Skills 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

- Voting Time will take place as the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.35pm

Wednesday

Business Committee agreed to table motions to change Labour members on several committees, for consideration in Plenary on Wednesday.

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- Motions to Elect Members to Committees (5 mins)
- Motion to appoint an Acting Standards Commissioner (5 mins)

- 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 changes to the Three Week Timetable of Government Business:

Tuesday 3 December 2024

- Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: New 50-day challenge to improve hospital discharge and community care (45 mins)
- Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip: International Day of Disabled Persons (45 mins)

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

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

Wednesday 27 November 2024 –

- Statement by James Evans – Update on the Proposed Mental Health Standards of Care (Wales) Bill (30 mins)

Wednesday 11 December 2024 –

- Debate on the Finance Committee report: Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate: Hefin David (Caerphilly) (30 mins)

4 Legislation

4.1 Timetable for the Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill

Business Committee agreed to refer the Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill to the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee for consideration of the general principles, and to consult with the Committee on the proposed timetable for scrutiny and return to the matter at a future meeting.

4.2 Letter from James Evans MS regarding the Mental Health (Standards of Care) (Wales) Bill

Business Committee noted the letter and agreed the proposal for time to be made available for James Evans MS to make a statement to update the Senedd on the development of his Mental Health (Standards of Care) (Wales) Bill in Plenary on 27 November 2024.

5 Committees

5.1 Letter from the Chair of the Standards of Conduct Committee regarding the appointment of an Acting Standards Commissioner

Business Committee considered and agreed a request from the Standards of Conduct Committee to schedule time for a motion to appoint an Acting Standards Commissioner to consider a particular complaint to be proposed in Plenary on Wednesday 20 November.

6 Senedd Timetable

6.1 Recess Dates

Business Committee confirmed the dates for Whitsun Half Term Recess and Summer Recess in 2025, and agreed provisional recess dates for Autumn Half Term Recess in 2025 and Christmas Recess 2025/6.

7 Any other business

Written Statement on waiting times

The Llywydd noted that she received a letter from the Leader of Plaid Cymru concerning a Written Statement on waiting times issued by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care on Sunday 17 November and expressing concern about additional funding being announced at the Labour party conference over the weekend, prior to any information being provided to the Senedd. The Llywydd also noted that the Cabinet Secretary would be making an oral statement in Plenary this afternoon.