

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Conference Room 4B – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 11 November 2025

Meeting time: 08.57 – 09.10

Private, Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Paul Davies MS Heledd Fychan MS Jane Hutt MS
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk) Steffan Lewis (Deputy Clerk)
Others in attendance	David Rees MS, Deputy Presiding Officer Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk Julian Luke, Director of Senedd Business Marc Wyn Jones, 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

- Voting Time will take place as the last item of business
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.05pm.

Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.00pm.

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 18 November 2025

- Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning: AI in Wales (45 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Further and Higher Education: Learning and Skills in Prison (45 mins)

Tuesday 25 November 2025

- Motion to vary the order of consideration of Stage 3 amendments to the Bus Services (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business – Revised

Business Managers agreed the following changes to the Three Week Timetable of Senedd Business:

Wednesday 19 November 2025 –

- Debate on the Standards of Conduct Committee report – Twenty Fourth report to the Sixth Senedd under Standing Order 22.9 (15 mins)

Wednesday 26 November 2025 –

- ~~Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Adam Price (60 mins)~~ – postponed to 10 December 2025
- Debate on petition P-05-1456: I demand a full public enquiry into the closure of Welsh Air Ambulance bases in mid and North Wales (30 mins)

The Business Committee agreed to now schedule the debate on petition *P-05-1456: I demand a full public enquiry into the closure of Welsh Air Ambulance bases in mid and North Wales*, which had been on hold due to Judicial Review proceedings.

3.4 Open Debates: Selection of Motion for Debate

Business Committee considered the proposed topics and agreed to schedule the following topic on 19 November 2025:

Julie Morgan: NNDM9046 Would a wealth tax work for Wales?

Business Managers noted that this debate would mark the end of the agreed trial and would likely be the final Open Debate to be scheduled during this Senedd term.

Following the interim review conducted on 23 September, Business Managers indicated that they did not intend to undertake a further review of the format at this time. The

Business Committee agreed to retain Open Debates in their current format within the relevant guidance for potential use in future Senedd terms, at the discretion of future Business Committees.

4 Legislation

4.1 Update on LCMs

Update on LCMs

Business Committee considered an update from the Trefnydd and agreed to:

- Refer SLCM (No.2) on the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill to the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny, with a reporting deadline of 16 January 2026;
- Refer SLCM (No.2) on the Victims and Courts Bill to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny, with a reporting deadline of 16 January 2026.

5 Any Other Business

Business Managers noted that the Guidance on Virtual and Hybrid Proceedings was republished last week and circulated to all Members, following Senedd agreement of changes to Standing Order 17 concerning voting in committees.

Therefore, the revisions previously agreed by the Business Committee – including expectations in regard to in person participation by Members in amending stage proceedings on legislation – are now in force.