

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Conference Room 4B – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 3 March 2026

Meeting time: 08.57 – 09.04

**Private, Hybrid**

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## 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 Bethan Davies, Head of Chamber and Committee Service 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. No apologies were received.



## 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

Business Committee noted the following changes:

- Questions to the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery (45 30 mins)
- The National Health Service (Direct Payments) (Wales) Regulations 2026 (10 0 mins) – *Postponed until 24 March*
- Voting Time will take place as the last item of business
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.40pm.

#### Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7:05pm.

The Business Committee agreed to adjust the schedule for Plenary on Wednesday so that the Short Debate is taken prior to Voting Time.

The Business Committee noted that there will be a 10-minute break prior to the start of Stage 3 proceedings on both Tuesday and Wednesday.

### 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 10 March 2026

- The Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales: A vision for rail across Wales and the Borders (30 mins)

### 3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

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

#### Wednesday 11 March 2026 –

- Motion to amend Standing Orders: Registration of Members' Interests (5 mins)
- Motion to amend Standing Orders: Declarations of Members' Interests (5 mins)
- Motion to amend Standing Orders: Parliamentary Business in the Seventh Senedd (5 mins)
- Motion to amend Standing Orders: Member Bills (5 mins)
- Motion to amend Standing Orders: Public Bills (5 mins)
- Motion to amend Standing Orders: Public Petitions (5 mins)

#### Wednesday 18 March 2026 –

- ~~Debate on the Children, Young People and Education Committee Report: Teacher Recruitment and Retention (60 mins) – *postponed until 25 March*~~

#### Wednesday 25 March 2026 –

- Debate on the Children, Young People and Education Committee Report: Teacher Recruitment and Retention (60 mins)

- Debate on the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee report: Cymraeg i bawb? (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate: Mark Isherwood MS (North Wales) (30 mins)

The Business Committee returned to consider the scheduling of the debate on Stage 4 of the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill on 11 March. Business Managers agreed to schedule the debate prior to that on the Family-Friendly and Inclusive Parliament Review Board Report, with the vote to take place at Voting Time.

## **4 Procedural Work**

### **4.1 Public Petitions: Standing Order change report**

The Business Committee agreed the draft Standing Order report on Standing Order 23 – Public Petitions and for this to be proposed in Plenary on 11 March.