

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Zoom

Meeting date: 11 January 2022

Meeting time: 09.02 – 09.45

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Lesley Griffiths MS Siân Gwenllïan MS Darren Millar MS
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk) Bethan Garwood (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Jane Dodds MS Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service Gwion Evans, Head of the Llywydd's Private Office Helen Carey, Welsh Government

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

The Llywydd welcomed Members to the meeting.



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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 to Tuesday's business:

- Motion to suspend Standing Orders (5 mins)
- Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following items together but with separate votes (45 mins):
 - The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 22) Regulations 2021
 - The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 23) Regulations 2021
 - The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No.25) Regulations 2021
- ~~LCM on the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill (15 mins)~~ --*Postponed until 18 January*

The Trefnydd also agreed to extend the time allocated to the Debate on a Statement: The Draft Budget 2022–23 from 60 to 90 minutes.

- Voting Time will take place as the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.20pm.

Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.15pm.

Business Committee agreed to table a motion to elect Sioned Williams as a member of the Children, Young People and Education Committee in place of Sian Gwenllian, following her appointment as a Designated Member.

Plenary format

Business Committee discussed the format of Plenary meetings for future weeks. A majority agreed that Plenary will remain virtual next week, with the position for future weeks to be kept under review.

3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

The Trefnydd drew Business Committee's attention to the following changes:

Tuesday 18 January 2022 –

- Statement by the Minister for Economy: Stronger Regional Economies (45 mins)
- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Arts and Sport, and Chief Whip: Update on progress following the publication of 'The Slave Trade and the British Empire: An audit of commemoration in Wales' (45 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd: BlasCymru/TasteWales – promoting Welsh food and drink to the world (45 mins)
- Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: Legal Aid and Access to Justice (45 mins)
- Motion under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following together but with separate votes: (30 mins)
 - Legislative Consent Motion on the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill: Motion 1

- Legislative Consent Motion on the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill: Motion 2

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

Business Committee agreed to add a Petitions Committee debate on 'Petition P-06-1243 Reinstate cervical screening to every three years' to 19 January in place of 60 minutes of the 120 minutes currently allocated to the Welsh Conservatives.

Business Committee also agreed to schedule the following items of business:

Wednesday 26 January 2021 -

- Motion under Standing Order 10.5 to appoint the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (5 mins)

Wednesday 2 February 2022 -

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (120 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

4 Legislation

4.1 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 23) Regulations 2021

Business Committee noted that the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee has reported on the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 23) Regulations 2021

4.2 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 25) Regulations 2021

Business Committee noted that the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee has reported on the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 25) Regulations 2021.

4.3 Landfill Disposal Tax (Tax Rates) (Wales) (Amendments) Regulations 2022–23

Business Committee agreed that the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee should report on the Landfill Disposal Tax (Tax Rates) (Wales) (Amendments) Regulations 2022–23 by Monday 31 January 2022.

4.4 The Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021

Business Committee agreed that the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee should report on the Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021 by Monday 31 January 2022.

4.5 Legislative Consent Memorandums on the Health and Care Bill, the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill, the Subsidiary Control Bill and the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill

Business Committee agreed to:

- refer the Supplementary LCM (No 2) on the Health and Care Bill to the Health and Social Care Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee with a reporting deadline of 17 February 2022;
- refer the Supplementary LCM (No 3) and Supplementary LCM (Memorandum No 4) on the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee with a reporting deadline of no later than the morning of 18 January 2022;
- refer the Supplementary LCM (No 2) on the Subsidy Control Bill to the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee with a reporting deadline of 3 March 2022; and

- refer the Revised Supplementary LCM (No 2) on the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill to the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee with a reporting deadline of 3 March 2022.

4.6 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Nationality and Borders Bill

Business Committee agreed to revise the reporting deadline for all committees on the LCM on the Nationality and Borders Bill to 17 February 2022.

5 Papers to note

5.1 Letter from the Leader of Plaid Cymru – designated Members

Business Committee noted the letter.

Sian Gwenllian declared an interest as a Designated Member.

5.2 Letter from the First Minister – designated Members

Business Committee noted the letter.

5.3 Additional guidance on the operation of Plenary proceedings during the Co-operation Agreement

Business Committee noted the additional guidance to be issued by the Llywydd under Standing Order 6.17. Sian Gwenllian expressed the Plaid Cymru group's objection to the reduction to the number of spokespeople questions that its Members will be called to ask without notice during Oral Questions to Ministers.

Business Committee agreed to consider the options for the scrutiny of Designated Members and the Leader of Plaid Cymru further at a future meeting.