

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 3 November 2020

Meeting time: 09.03 – 09.59

## Private

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Rebecca Evans MS Darren Millar MS Siân Gwenllïan MS
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Ann Jones MS, Deputy Presiding Officer Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Senedd Siwan Davies, Director of Senedd Business 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 Elin Roberts, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd Helen Carey, Welsh Government Bethan Garwood



## **1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

## **2 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of last week's meeting were agreed for publication.

## **3 Organisation of Business**

### **3.1 This Week's Business**

#### **This Week's Business**

The Trefnydd drew Business Managers' attention to the multiple changes to Tuesday's agenda, as agreed at the previous meeting.

#### **Breaks**

Business Committee agreed that there was no need to schedule breaks for this week, as there is no need for changeovers of Members in a virtual setting.

### **3.2 Three Week Timetable of Government Business**

The Trefnydd drew Business Managers' attention to the following changes:

#### **Tuesday 10 November**

- Statement by the Minister for Education: The approach to qualifications in 2021 (45 mins)
- Debate: Stage 3 on the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill (~~360~~ 300 mins)

#### **Tuesday 17 November 2020**

- Statement by the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales: Economic Recovery Plan (45 mins) – *Postponed from 3 November*

- Statement by the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd: The Mutual Investment Model (45 mins)
- Statement by the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip: Marking Interfaith Week (45 mins)
- LCM on the Non-Domestic Ratings (Public Lavatories) Bill (15 mins) – *Postponed from 3 November*
- Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum on The European Union Withdrawal (Consequential Modifications) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (15 mins) – *Postponed from 3 November*
- Debate: The Second Annual Report of the President of Welsh Tribunals (30 mins) – *Postponed from 3 November*
- Debate: The Report of the Elections Planning Group (45 mins)

### 3.3 Three Week Timetable of Senedd Business

Business Committee agreed to schedule the following items of business:

#### Wednesday 11 November 2020 –

Debate on Petition P-05-1060 Allow supermarkets to sell "non-essential" items during lockdown (30 mins)

Debate on the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee Report: Public procurement in the foundational economy (60 mins)

#### Wednesday 25 November 2020 –

- Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal (30 mins)
- Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee debate on the National Development Framework (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)

### 3.4 Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee

Business Committee agreed to schedule the debate on the petition for next Wednesday for 30 minutes, and asked that the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee reduce the time for their debate on that day to 30 minutes to accommodate this.

## **4 Legislation**

### **4.1 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No.3) (Wales) Regulations 2020**

The Business Committee noted that the regulations are to be considered by the Senedd today, and that the LJC Committee has already reported.

### **4.2 Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee**

Business Committee discussed the letter and agreed to keep the process under review.

## **5 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2021–22**

### **5.1 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd**

Business Committee agreed to the revised budget timetable, including a revised date of 4 February for committees to report. Business Committee also agreed to the Finance Committee's request to hold an additional meeting during recess on 8 January, which the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd indicated she would be happy to attend.

## **6 Senedd Business**

### **6.1 Committee of the Regions – UK Contact Group**

Business Committee agreed that the Llywydd should nominate David Rees and Russell George as member and substitute, respectively, of the Committee of the Regions UK contact Group for the remainder of this Senedd.

## **7 Papers to note**

### **7.1 Letter from the Llywydd**

Business Managers noted the letter confirming the establishment of the new Independent Alliance for Reform group, and noting that the group would not be called for leaders' or spokespeople's questions.

## **Any other business**

## **Standing Orders**

Business Committee agreed to schedule some separate meetings to discuss changes to Standing Orders before the end of the Fifth Senedd.

### **Committee membership**

Business Committee agreed to table motions to elect Caroline Jones onto the Business Committee, and Mark Reckless onto Finance Committee.

The Committee also agreed to ask the IAR group to consider taking up the place on the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee previously held by Mandy Jones, before making any further decisions about the allocation of committee places to that group.

### **Next Week's Plenary Meetings**

Business Managers discussed the possibility of returning to a hybrid format for next week's meetings, and agreed to discuss further with their groups before the Llywydd makes a decision.