

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Zoom

Meeting date: 16 November 2021

Meeting time: 09.00 – 09.15

**Private**

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Lesley Griffiths MS Darren Millar MS Siân Gwenllian MS
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk) Bethan Garwood (Deputy Clerk)
Others in attendance	Jane Dodds MS David Rees MS, Deputy Presiding Officer Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk 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 Helen Carey, Welsh Government Gwion Evans, Head of the Llywydd's Private Office



## **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 6.25pm.

#### **Wednesday**

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.55pm.

The Trefnydd drew Business Committee's attention to the addition of the Statement on COP26, which will be delivered by the Deputy Minister for Climate Change. A statement on Second Homes and Affordability and a statement on the Welsh Language Communities Housing Plan previously added to today's agenda, have been postponed.

#### ***Breaks***

The Llywydd asked Business Managers to remind Members to leave the Chamber during the breaks, so that staff can carry out the necessary preparations whilst keeping a suitable distance.

#### ***Member Bill – use of the casting vote***

The Llywydd informed Business Committee that in the event of a tied vote on the motion seeking the Senedd's agreement to introduce a Member Bill this week, the casting vote would be used in favour in line with current guidance. The Llywydd intends, however, to review the guidance to ensure that it is consistent across all types of motions and will make Business Managers aware of any revisions.

### **3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business**

The Trefnydd advised Business Committee that there were no changes to the Three Week Timetable of Government Business.

### **3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business**

#### **Three Week Timetable of Senedd Business**

Business Committee agreed to schedule the following items of business:

#### **Wednesday 1 December 2021 -**

- ~~Debate on petition P-06-1208 New laws to protect rare red squirrels from habitat loss which causes population decline (30 mins) - postponed to 8 December 2021~~
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)

#### **Wednesday 8 December 2021 -**

- Debate on petition P-06-1208 New laws to protect rare red squirrels from habitat loss which causes population decline (30 mins) - postponed from 1 December 2021
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

### **3.4 Members' Legislative Proposals – selection of motion for debate**

Business Committee agreed to schedule the following motion for debate on 24 November:

**NNDM7828**

**Rhys Ab Owen**

**Peter Fox**

**Mike Hedges**

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill to ensure safety of cladding on buildings in Wales.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to ensure the safety of residents by making sure safe cladding is available on buildings.

## **4 Tabling Arrangements**

### **4.1 Christmas Recess 2021: Tabling and Laying arrangements**

#### *Christmas Recess 2021: Tabling and Laying arrangements*

Business Committee agreed:

- to confirm the arrangements for laying documents during the Christmas period, including agreeing the proposal for a duty clerk to be on call to publish any regulations laid on working days during the shutdown period between Christmas and New Year;
- to confirm the arrangements for tabling Plenary business for the first week of term; and
- the arrangements for the tabling of Written Questions.

## **5 Any Other Business**

### ***Nominations for the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and the Committee of the Regions–UK Contact Group.***

The Llywydd advised Business Managers that she would be making the following nominations:

#### **Congress of Local and Regional Authorities:**

- Full Member: Mabon ap Gwynfor MS
- Substitute Member: Buffy Williams MS

#### **Committee of the Regions Contact Group:**

- Alun Davies MS
- Laura Anne Jones MS