

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Conference Room 4B – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 8 July 2025

Meeting time: 09.00 – 09.15

Private, Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Paul Davies MS Heledd Fychan MS Jane Hutt MS
Committee Staff:	Lisa Griffiths (Clerk) Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk)
Others in attendance	Jane Dodds MS 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 Graeme Francis, Clerk 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

The Trefnydd informed Business Managers of the following change:

- Stage 3 of the Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill (~~180~~ 120 mins)
- Voting Time will take place before Stage 3 proceedings.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.25pm.

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that she will call a short break between Voting Time and the start of Stage 3 proceedings to enable final preparations, and that she will consider a further break during Stage 3 proceedings should it be requested by the Members involved.

Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.15pm.

3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

The Trefnydd informed Business Managers of the following change to the Three Week Timetable of Government Business:

Tuesday 16 September 2025

- Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery: The Planning (Wales) Bill and the Planning (Consequential Provisions) (Wales) Bill (45 mins)

Heledd Fychan again sought confirmation of when the Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Education on the Progress of the Curriculum Rollout would be rescheduled. In response, the Trefnydd confirmed that an Oral Statement would not be delivered before the summer recess. A Written Statement will be issued next week, the Cabinet Secretary will answer Oral Questions next Wednesday and will also be giving evidence to the Children, Young People and Education Committee on this subject in September. However, the Trefnydd agreed to discuss the possibility of an oral statement on this matter early in the autumn term with the Cabinet Secretary.

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

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

Wednesday 24 September 2025 -

- Debate on petition: P-06-1494 Welsh Government to protect funding in education from WG and Local Authority cuts (30 mins)
- Debate on the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report: AI and the Welsh Economy: Can Welsh androids dream of electric sheep? (30 minutes)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate (30 mins)

In order to facilitate ministerial attendance, Business Managers agreed to schedule the Finance Committee Debate on the Welsh Government's spending priorities for the 2026-27 budget ahead of the statement by Mark Isherwood MS on the Introduction of his Member Bill: The British Sign Language (Wales) Bill, on Wednesday 16 July.

4 Legislation

4.1 Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding the timetable for the Planning Consolidation Bills

Business Committee considered the views of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and agreed the timetables for scrutiny of the two Bills, including a revised Initial Consideration reporting deadline of 28 November 2025 for both Bills.

4.2 Letter from the Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee regarding the timetable for the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill

Business Committee considered a response from the Equality and Social Justice Committee and agreed the proposed timetable for scrutiny of the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill.

4.3 Update on LCMs

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

- Refer the SLCM (No.2) on the Crime and Policing Bill to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, with a reporting deadline of 10 October 2025.
- Refer the SLCM (No.2) on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill to the Health and Social Care Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, with a reporting deadline of 10 October 2025.
- Note that it pre-emptively referred the SLCM (No.4) on the Mental Health Bill to the Health and Social Care Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee following last week's meeting, with a reporting deadline of 14 July 2025.
- Refer SLCM (No.4) on the Employment Rights Bill to the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee, the Equality and Social Justice Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny, with a reporting deadline of 14 July, in anticipation of the SLCM being laid by the Government.

5 Committees

5.1 Letter from the Chair of the Committee for Scrutiny of the First Minister regarding the work of the Wales COVID-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee

Business Committee noted the letter.

6 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026-27

6.1 Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip regarding the 2026-27 Draft Budget timetable

Business Committee discussed the Draft Budget timetable for 2026-27 and, in accordance with Standing Order 20.4, agreed to write to the Finance Committee in order to consult it on the proposed timetable.

7 Tabling arrangements

7.1 Summer Recess Tabling Arrangements

Business Committee confirmed the arrangements for tabling plenary business during the summer recess and agreed the arrangements for the tabling of Written Questions.

8 Any other business

The Llywydd reminded Business Managers of the additional Business Committee meeting tomorrow, at which they will be asked to provide feedback from their groups on procedural matters considered in previous meetings.