

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 13 October 2020

Meeting time: 09.03 – 09.45

**Private**

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Rebecca Evans MS Darren Millar MS Siân Gwenllian 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 Gwion Evans, Head of the Llywydd's Private Office Elin Roberts, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd Helen Carey, Welsh Government Bethan Garwood, Deputy Clerk



## **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**

The Trefnydd drew Business Managers' attention to one change to the agenda for today – the timing of the statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services.

### **Maintaining order in the hybrid Siambr**

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that following disorder in the Siambr last week she has written to the Member concerned advising that he would not be called to speak until she has received a formal apology. This applies those proceedings where it is at the discretion of the Chair whether or not to call a Member to speak, and as such the Member would be called to ask Question 5 to the First Minister today. Business Managers were briefed on the procedures for maintenance of order and how these would work in a hybrid environment.

### **Selection of amendments**

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that she has asked officials to provide guidance for Members on the selection of amendments during hybrid plenaries.

The Trefnydd asked the Llywydd if decisions on selection could be taken earlier in the week, to help with preparation for debates. The Llywydd explained that it makes sense for her to take the decisions on the morning of the Plenary when she has a fuller picture of the number of speakers etc, and that whether an amendment is selected or not, the issues raised in it will still more often than not be raised in the debate.

## Audio-visual

Jenny Rathbone has asked if she could show audio-visual material during the Member Debate on Wednesday. Given the practical difficulties involved, the Llywydd has decided that audio-visual material can't be used in hybrid or virtual Plenary.

### 3.2 Three Week Timetable of Government Business

The Trefnydd drew Business Managers' attention to the update to the three week timetable:

**Tuesday 20 October 2020 –**

- Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following together but with separate votes: (30 mins)
  - The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Functions of Local Authorities etc.) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020
  - The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 2) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 18) (Bangor) Regulations 2020

### 3.3 Three Week Timetable of Senedd Business

Business Committee agreed to schedule the following items of business:

**Wednesday 11 November 2020 –**

- Motion to approve the Senedd Commission's Budget 2020-21 (30 mins)
- Debate on the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Report: The impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on the creative industries (30 mins)
- Debate on the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee Report: Public procurement in the foundational economy (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)

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

Business Committee considered the motions tabled and agreed to schedule the following motion for debate on 21 October:

**NNDM7427**

**Alun Davies**

**Rhun ap Iorwerth**

**Andrew RT Davies**

**Dai Lloyd**

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Welsh hearts Bill to improve the outcomes for people who suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrests.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to place a duty on:
  - a) Welsh Ministers to publish a strategy to improve the outcomes of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and to develop pathways for survival for the whole country;
  - b) local authorities to plan to ensure sufficient access to community defibrillators in each part of their area;
  - c) Welsh Ministers to ensure that training in CPR is provided for people throughout Wales;
  - d) health boards to collaborate in the production of regional pathway of survival for out-of-hospital cardiac arrests;
  - e) Welsh Ministers to report to the Senedd on the progress of their strategy against objectives every year.

### **3.5 Revised Oral Question schedule**

Business Committee noted the changes to the oral question schedule, and the Trefnydd confirmed that a new Ministerial responsibilities document will be available later today.

## **4 Papers to note**

### **4.1 Letter from the Chair of the Committee on Senedd Electoral Reform**

Business Committee noted the letter.

### **Any Other Business**

#### **The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Functions of Local Authorities etc.) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020**

The Business Committee agreed to set a reporting deadline of Monday 19 October for the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to report on the regulations.

#### **The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 2) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 18) (Bangor) Regulations 2020**

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### **Hybrid Plenary**

The Llywydd drew Business Managers' attention to the note that she circulated, outlining her thinking on the range of arrangements that might be put in place for plenary meetings and asked them to discuss with their groups and return to the matter next week.

### **Seating**

Darren Millar advised Business Managers that Paul Davies has written to the Llywydd formalising the request that Conservative Members be allowed to use seats in the Chamber that are left vacant by other groups' Members attending virtually.