Glossary of terms

**Assembly Business-** the work undertaken by Assembly Members in the National Assembly for Wales, including plenary debates, committees and constituency / regional work.

**Assembly Member** – elected politicians that make up the National Assembly for Wales. The 60 Members represent the different areas of Wales.

**Constituency –** Wales is divided into forty areas called constituencieswhich each elect an Assembly Member to represent them in the National Assembly for Wales. Forty Assembly Members are elected in this way. Twenty more Assembly members are elected to represent the different **regions** of Wales - South Wales East; South Wales Central; South Wales West; Mid and West Wales; North Wales. Each Assembly Members spends time working in the constituency or region that they represent to help the people who live there.

**National Assembly for Wales** – made up of 60 Assembly Members who are elected to represent the people of Wales, to make laws for Wales and to hold the Welsh Government to account.

**National Assembly for Wales Commission (Assembly Commission)** – the body which provides property, staff and services to support the Assembly Members. The Commission is chaired by the Presiding Officer and four other Members nominated by the main political parties. The Commission has responsibilities as an employer and as an organisation that supports Assembly Members and interacts with the public. The services the Commission offer to the public include welcoming visitors to the Assembly estate, providing information to people and visiting schools and community groups across Wales.

**Plenary –** Plenary is the meeting of the whole Assembly which takes place in the Siambr, the Senedd’s debating chamber. Plenary is chaired by the Presiding Officer and is the main forum for Assembly Members to carry out their roles as democratically elected representatives

**Presiding Officer** – the Assembly Member nominated by the main political parties to chair Plenary debates and to represent the National Assembly for Wales both in the UK and internationally.