



**Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru
The National Assembly for Wales**

**Y Pwyllgor ar y Gorchymyn Arfaethedig ynghylch
Diogelwch Tân yn y Cartref
The Proposed Domestic Fire Safety LCO Committee**

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2008 National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (No. 7) Order 2008

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In addition, an English translation of Welsh speeches is included.

Aelodau'r pwyllgor yn bresennol
Committee members in attendance

Peter Black	Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru Welsh Liberal Democrats
Mark Isherwood	Ceidwadwyr Cymreig Welsh Conservatives
Huw Lewis	Llafur Labour
Sandy Mewies	Llafur Labour
Janet Ryder	Plaid Cymru The Party of Wales

Swyddogion Gwasanaeth Seneddol y Cynulliad yn bresennol
Assembly Parliamentary Service officials in attendance

Sarah Beasley	Clerc Clerk
Gwyn Griffiths	Cynghorydd Cyfreithiol y Pwyllgor Legal Adviser to the Committee
Lewis McNaughton	Dirprwy Glerc Deputy Clerk
Sarah Sargent	Swyddog Cymorth y Pwyllgor Committee Support Officer

Dechreuodd y cyfarfod am 6.01 p.m.
The meeting began at 6.01 p.m.

Ethol Cadeirydd
Election of Chair

[1] **Ms Beasley:** Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to the first meeting of the Proposed Domestic Fire Safety LCO Committee. The first item on the agenda is the election of the Chair, and, therefore, under Standing Order No. 10.18, I call for nominations.

[2] **Sandy Mewies:** I nominate Huw Lewis.

[3] **Ms Beasley:** Thank you. Are there any other nominations? I see that there are none, and so I declare that Huw Lewis is duly elected Chair of the committee.

[4] **Huw Lewis:** Thank you, Sarah, and thank you, colleagues. This is the first time that I have been elected Chair of anything at all.

[5] **Peter Black:** It is special. [*Laughter.*]

6.01 a.m.

Cyflwyniad, Ymddiheuriadau a Dirprwyon
Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

[6] **Huw Lewis:** I will go through some housekeeping announcements first, as we always

should. There are no fire drills planned for today, so if the alarm sounds, please leave the room by the marked fire exit and follow the instructions of ushers and staff. Switch off all your electronic widgets—Mr Black—because they interfere with the broadcasting equipment. As you all know, the National Assembly for Wales operates through the media of Welsh and English, and headphones are provided for simultaneous translation or amplification. Please do not touch any buttons on the microphones.

6.01 p.m.

Gorchymyn Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru (Cymhwysedd Deddfwriaethol)
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[7] **Huw Lewis:** We established the role of the committee at our informal meeting, which is to consider and report on the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (No. 7) Order 2008. The committee must conclude its work and lay a report before the Assembly by 13 June this year, in line with the timetable set by the Business Committee. So, there is a tight timescale. We have had informal discussions on the approach to scrutiny of the Order, and it was considered that the scope of the committee's work should be to decide whether the legislative competence should be transferred to the Assembly as provided for in the general principles of the Order, and whether the proposed Order provides an appropriate framework to deliver the policy proposals on domestic fire safety. In other words, are the terms of the proposed Order too broadly or too narrowly defined? I think that we have found our way through that discussion. Are you content with the scope of the scrutiny? I see that you are.

[8] It was also suggested that, based around the scope of the committee scrutiny, we issue a general call for evidence and invite written submissions from specific consultees over the next five weeks, and that we take oral evidence in the summer term. Are you content with that approach, and do you agree with the arrangements for the call for evidence to be made? I see that you are all happy.

[9] Unless there are other items that Members wish to raise—this is a record for the shortest meeting, I think—I can declare the meeting closed.

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 6.04 p.m.
The meeting ended at 6.04 p.m.