

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 4 February
2021

Meeting time: 13.30 – 16.45

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Janet Finch-Saunders MS Llyr Gruffydd MS Neil Hamilton MS Jenny Rathbone MS Huw Irranca-Davies MS (In place of Joyce Watson MS)
Witnesses:	Lesley Griffiths MS, Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs Gian Marco Currado, Welsh Government Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer, Welsh Government John Howells, Welsh Government Dean Medcraft, Welsh Government Tim Render, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Marc Jones (Clerk)



	Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk) Katy Orford (Researcher) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 34.19, the Chair stated that he had determined that the public were excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health.

1.3 The Chair stated that if for any reason he dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Jenny Rathbone MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

1.4 Apologies were received from Joyce Watson MS and Huw Irranca-Davies MS substituted.

2 General scrutiny session with the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

2.1 Members questioned the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs.

3 Continuation of general scrutiny session with the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

3.1 Members continued to question the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs.

4 Paper(s) to note

4.1 The papers were noted.

4.1 **Welsh Government response to the Committee's report on flooding in Wales**

4.2 **Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs in relation to The Official Controls (Temporary Measure) (Covid-19) (Amendments) Regulations 2021**

4.3 **Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs in relation to the impact of the ongoing dispute between Centrica (British Gas) and GMB union on NEST delivery**

4.4 **Correspondence from the Chair, External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee in relation to Common Frameworks**

4.5 **Correspondence from the Chair, Trade and Agriculture Commission following the Commission's attendance at the Committee's meeting of 21 January**

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 General scrutiny session with the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs – consideration of evidence received under items 2 and 3

6.1 Members considered the evidence heard during the scrutiny session and agreed to write to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to request further information on some of the issues raised.

7 Update on common frameworks

7.1 The Committee received an update and considered its work in relation to UK Common Frameworks.