

Concise Minutes – Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 11 February
2021

Meeting time: 14.02 – 16.30

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Ann Jones MS (Chair) Mick Antoniw MS Jayne Bryant MS Janet Finch–Saunders MS Russell George MS John Griffiths MS Lynne Neagle MS Nick Ramsay MS David Rees MS Bethan Sayed MS
Witnesses:	Mark Drakeford MS, First Minister of Wales Dr Andrew Goodall, Welsh Government Des Clifford, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk)



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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Dai Lloyd MS, Llyr Gruffydd MS and Mike Hedges MS.

Bethan Sayed MS and Mick Antoniw MS declared the following relevant interest under Standing Order 17.24A:

- Bethan Sayed's husband has utilised the Cultural Recovery Fund available for freelancers; and
- Mick Antoniw's son has utilised the Cultural Recovery Fund available for freelancers.

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.

2 The Welsh Government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and recovery

The Chair asked Dr Andrew Goodall to pass on the Committee's gratitude to all staff working for the NHS throughout the current pandemic.

The Committee scrutinised the First Minister on the current actions being taken in relation to Covid-19.

3 Issues related to the UK's withdrawal from the European Union

The Committee scrutinised the First Minister on the current actions being taken in relation to the UK's withdrawal from the European Union.

4 Paper(s) to note

4.1 The Welsh Government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and recovery:

Correspondence from the Finance Committee

The Committee noted the correspondence and raised the issue with the First Minister during item two of today's agenda.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:

The motion was agreed.

6 Discussion of previous evidence session

The Committee discussed the evidence received during the previous evidence sessions and agreed to write to the First Minister to ask for analysis of the support available to businesses in UK nations to be published and provided to the Committee.

Chair's closing remarks

As this was the final scheduled meeting for the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister of the Fifth Senedd the Chair thanked the Committee members for their work on the Committee, the First Minister and his officials for their engagement with the Committee's work, and the secretariat for supporting the work of the Committee.