

Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 12 July 2021

Meeting time: 10.00 – 12.18

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Huw Irranca-Davies MS (Chair) Rhys ab Owen MS Jayne Bryant MS Peter Fox MS
Witnesses:	Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change Jayne Anstee, Welsh Government Howard Davies, Welsh Government Bernadette Payne, Welsh Government Jo Stevens, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk) Nia Moss (Researcher) Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

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

There were no apologies or substitutions.

2 Committee remit

Members noted the Committee's remit and responsibilities.

3 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Environment Bill: Evidence session

The Committee received evidence from Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change, in relation to the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Environment Bill. The Minister agreed to provide additional information to the Committee, which would be confirmed in correspondence.

4 Proposed negative instruments that raise no reporting issues under Standing Order 21.3B

4.1 pNeg(6)001 – The Food and Drink (Transitional Provisions) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021

The Committee considered the instrument and was content that the negative procedure should apply.

5 Instruments that raise no reporting issues under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3

5.1 SL(6)016 – The Coronavirus Act 2020 (Early Expiry: Local Authority Care and Support) (Wales) Regulations 2021

The Committee considered the instrument and was content with the draft report.

5.2 SL(6)017 – The Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

The Committee considered the instrument and was content with the draft report.

6 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Senedd under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3

6.1 SL(6)019 – The Business Tenancies (Extension of Protection from Forfeiture etc.) (Wales) (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Regulations 2021

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting point identified.

6.2 SL(6)020 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Public Health Information to Travellers) (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2021

The Committee considered the instrument with the Welsh Government response and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting points identified.

6.3 SL(6)018 – The Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2021

The Committee considered the instrument with the Welsh Government response and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting point identified.

7 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Senedd under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3 – previously considered

7.1 SL(6)009 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 11) Regulations 2021

The Committee noted the further response from the Welsh Government.

7.2 SL(6)013 – The Coronavirus Act 2020 (Residential Tenancies: Extension of Period of Protection from Eviction) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2021

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

8 Standing Order 30B Report: The European Union (Withdrawal) Act and Common Frameworks

The Committee noted the Welsh Government's statement and the UK Government's report.

9 Papers to note

9.1 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Regulatory Impact Assessment code for subordinate legislation

The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government.

9.2 Letter from the Head of Wales Office, Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists: Potential inquiry

The Committee noted the letter from the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists and in private, agreed to consider proposals for future work as part of its strategic planning in the autumn term.

9.3 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd: The Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) Regulations 2021

The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd.

9.4 Letter from the Auditor General for Wales: The Work of Audit Wales

The Committee noted the letter from the Auditor General for Wales.

10 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

The Committee agreed the motion.

11 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Environment Bill: Consideration of evidence

The Committee considered the evidence received during the session with the Minister for Climate Change.

The Committee agreed a motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to meet in private during the week commencing 6 September 2021 (exact date tbc) to consider its draft report on the Environment Bill LCM, subject to the Chair consulting with the Llywydd in accordance with Standing Order 17.46 (and subject to Members' availability).

12 Committee procedures and ways of working

The Committee noted the Standing Orders that apply to committees, and the roles and responsibilities of Members and officials. The Committee also discussed its preferred way of working and its approach to work at the start of the autumn term. The Committee agreed to return to strategic work planning early in the autumn term.

In the event of any technical disruption affecting the Chair, under Standing Order 17.22 the Committee agreed to elect Jayne Bryant MS as temporary chair for all future meetings of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, should the need arise.