

Concise Minutes – Petitions Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 3

Meeting date: Monday, 9 October 2023

Meeting time: 14.03 – 16.06

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jack Sargeant MS (Chair) Rhys ab Owen MS Joel James MS Peredur Owen Griffiths MS
Witnesses:	Wayne Crocker, Mencap Cymru Dot Gallagher, Mencap Cymru Ben Cottam, Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) Trudy Davies, Woosnam & Davies News Steven Mc Gee, Individual Janet Jones, Individual
Committee Staff:	Gareth Price (Clerk) Mared Llwyd (Second Clerk) Kayleigh Imperato (Deputy Clerk)



- 1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**
- 2 Evidence session – Panel 1 – P-06-1335 Welsh Government should take steps to ensure vulnerable adults without bank cards can pay with cash**

The Committee heard evidence from Steven McGee, Janet Jones, Dot Gallagher, Chair of Mencap Môn and Wayne Crocker, Director of Mencap Cymru.

- 3 Evidence session – Panel 2 – P-06-1335 Welsh Government should take steps to ensure vulnerable adults without bank cards can pay with cash**

The Committee heard evidence from Ben Cottam, Federation of Small Businesses and Trudy Davies, Woosnam & Davies News, Llanidloes.

4 New Petitions

- 4.1 P-06-1359 Offer Welsh working parents the same financial support for childcare as England**

Rhys ab Owen MS declared the following relevant interest under Standing Order 17.24A:

He is the father of a 3 year old child and a two month old baby.

The Committee considered the petition and noted the letter received from Oxfam Cymru. Members agreed to highlight the issues raised and seek further clarity from the Welsh Government before deciding on the next steps to take.

4.2 P-06-1363 Save our Fire and Rescue Service

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to write to the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority regarding the petition to ask for its timetable to responding to the consultation and other issues raised by Members. It will also reconsider the petition once the Welsh Government's response is received.

5 Updates to previous petitions

5.1 P-06-1161 Routine collection and publication of data of how many babies/children return to their care experienced parents care at the end of a Parent and Child Placement

The Committee considered the petition and noted the joint plenary debate that took place on the petition and the Children, Young People and Education Committee's report on care-experienced children.

Members noted the Children, Young People and Education Committee will continue to pursue progress on the wider issues and in light of this agreed to close the petition and thank the petitioner for their engagement with the Committee.

5.2 P-06-1337 Sycharth, the home of Owain Glyndwr, should be bought to safeguard the site for future generations

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to write to Powys County Council requesting directional signage leading up to site and a more prominent sign on arrival at the site.

5.3 P-06-1358 Review the inadequate funding for Schools in Wales

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to invite the petitioner and Governors Wales to a Committee meeting in November to provide evidence on the specific issues they are facing and the solutions they wish to propose.

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

The motion was agreed.

7 Discussion of evidence – P-06-1335 Welsh Government should take steps to ensure vulnerable adults without bank cards can pay with cash

The Committee discussed the evidence heard.