

Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 12 January 2026

Meeting time: 13.30 – 14.28

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Adam Price MS
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Owain Davies (Second Clerk) Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk) Gerallt Roberts (Second Clerk) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser)

1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Mark Isherwood MS.



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

2.1 SL(6)691 – The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2026

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

2.2 SL(6)692 – The Non-Domestic Rating (Provision of Information About Changes of Circumstances) (Wales) Regulations 2026

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

2.3 SL(6)693 – The Council Tax (Discounts, Disregards and Exemptions) (Wales) Regulations 2026

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

3 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Senedd under Standing Order 21.7

3.1 SL(6)688 – School Organisation Code

The Committee considered the Code and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting points identified.

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

4.1 SL(6)651 – The Senedd Cymru (Disqualification) Order 2025

The Committee noted the Written Statement and letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government.

4.2 SL(6)682 – The Commission for Tertiary Education and Research (Decision Review) (Wales) Regulations 2025

5 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Senedd under Standing Order 21.7 – previously considered

5.1 SL(6)684 – Code of Practice on Quality Assurance and Performance Management, Escalating Concerns, and Closure of Regulated Care and Support Services

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

6 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement

6.1 Correspondence from the Welsh Government: Meetings of inter–ministerial groups

The Committee noted correspondence from: the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery in relation to a meeting of the Inter–Ministerial Group for Justice; the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning in relation to a meeting of the Inter–Ministerial Group for Trade; the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip in relation to a meeting of the Inter–Ministerial Group for Work and Pensions; and the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to a meeting of the Inter–Ministerial Standing Committee.

6.2 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Plant Varieties Act (Amendment) Regulations 2026

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

6.3 Written Statement and correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: The Procurement Act 2023 (Commencement No. 4) Regulations 2025

The Committee noted the Written Statement and correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language.

- 6.4 **Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning: The Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2025**
- 6.5 **Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: The Procurement Act 2023 (Specified International Agreements and Saving Provision) (Amendment) Regulations 2026**
- 7 **Papers to note**
 - 7.1 **Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to the Llywydd: Welsh Statutory Instruments**
 - 7.2 **Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip: The Welsh Government response to the Committee's report on the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill**
 - 7.3 **Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery: The Welsh Ministers' determination on the numbering and classification of subordinate legislation not made by Welsh statutory instrument**
 - 7.4 **Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip: The Welsh Government's response to the Committee's report on the Welsh Government's Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 2) on the Crime and Policing Bill**
 - 7.5 **Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government: Implementation of Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024: freehold estate management charges**
 - 7.6 **Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government: The Welsh Government's responses to Committees' reports on the Building Safety (Wales) Bill**

7.7 Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery: Review of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020

7.8 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Welsh Government's responses to Committees' reports on the Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill

7.9 Written Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery: The Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales (Membership) Bill

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery.

7.10 British–Irish Parliamentary Assembly: UK–EU Defence and Security Cooperation Post–Brexit Final Report

The Committee noted the report by the British–Irish Parliamentary Assembly on UK–EU Defence and Security Cooperation Post–Brexit .

7.11 Written Statement by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Government of Wales Act 2006 (Devolved Welsh Authorities) (Amendment) Order 2025

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

7.12 Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery: The Welsh Government's responses to Committees' reports on the Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery.

7.13 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: The Welsh Government's responses to Committees' reports on the Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language.

8 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting

The motion was agreed.

9 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 3) on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill

Members considered Memorandum No. 3 on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill and agreed to write to the Llywydd as Chair of the Business Committee.

10 International Agreements: Draft report

Members agreed the draft report.

11 Forward Work Planning

Members agreed the Forward Work Planning paper and agreed to invite the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, and the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery, to attend an evidence session.