

Concise Minutes – Petitions Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Monday, 16 March 2026

Meeting time: 14.00 – 14.35

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Carolyn Thomas MS (Chair) Rhys ab Owen MS Vaughan Gething MS Joel James MS Lindsay Whittle MS
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	Gareth Price (Clerk) Lara Date (Second Clerk) Kayleigh Imperato (Deputy Clerk)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed everyone to the in-person meeting.

There were no apologies.



Vaughan Gething MS declared a relevant interest under Item 4.1 as an honorary member of the British Veterinary Association, and his father was a veterinary surgeon, working on a mixed practice of small household animals and large farm animals.

2 Inquiry: P-06-1510 Direct NRW to revoke the environmental permit and ensure the closure of Enover's, Hafod Landfill Site in Wrexham

The Committee welcomed the responses received to the Committee's inquiry report, and was grateful to the petitioner for providing a legacy statement, along with rebuttal responses to those official responses. The petitioner was congratulated for his work highlighting the issue.

Members welcomed the fact that the Welsh Government had only rejected one of the 11 report recommendations and provided a detailed rationale for doing so, and had supported the recommendations to Wrexham County Borough Council on improving communication and engagement with the local community. The inquiry had been an important exercise in ensuring accountability of all parties.

The Committee noted the additional actions requested by the lead petitioner, and agreed to forward his submission to the current Cabinet Secretary. Members also agreed to write to Enover to ask if the petitioners could have access to the raw data, in the interests of transparency and further independent assessment, and to also ask whether Enover could consider giving the data to an independent third party.

The matter had been scrutinised in great detail, but it would be for a new Cabinet Secretary and new scrutiny committee to take it forward in the Seventh Senedd. It was also noted that there were two other petitions in the pipeline relating to landfill management. In light of that, the Committee decided to close the petition.

3 New Petitions

3.1 P-06-1573 Protect Llanidloes: Stop illegal & dangerous gas and water pollution from Bryn Posteg Landfill now

The Committee considered the petition. Members noted the earlier closed petition on Hafod landfill, and another landfill petition currently collecting signatures. However there was a lot still to be done on this particular petition, and it was therefore agreed to keep it open and refer it to the Seventh Senedd. This was with a view to the successor committee for petitions highlighting it with the relevant policy committee, to pursue with the Minister(s) with responsibility for regulation of landfill operations; a PFAS plan (for “forever chemicals”); and water quality.

4 Updates to previous petitions

4.1 P-06-1291 Hold an enquiry into the corporate takeover of the veterinary profession in Wales

Vaughan Gething MS declared a relevant interest as an honorary member of the British Veterinary Association, and his father was a veterinary surgeon, working on a mixed practice of small household animals and large farm animals.

Members noted the Committee had considered the petition on seven previous occasions and it had been kept open in light of the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) market study into veterinary services, due to publish its final report in May. The petition called for an inquiry and that was ongoing. There was confidence that the matter would be looked at by the Seventh Senedd, but the current committee could not pre-empt further decisions that might be taken, and it would be for the next Senedd to decide how to follow up. Noting her role as Chair of the Senedd Cross-Party Group on Animal Welfare, the Committee Chair congratulated the petitioner on bringing forward the petition, and highlighting issues within the veterinary services industry that it was hoped would come out in the CMA’s final report. On that basis it was agreed to close the petition.

5 Review paper: Petitions under consideration

Members considered the paper and agreed the proposals in Annex A – petitions for referral to the Seventh Senedd, and Annex B – petitions for closing, with the exception of Petitions P-06-1510 and P-06-1291 which were already closed earlier in the meeting.

Additionally Members noted there were currently 20 petitions over the threshold for consideration by the Seventh Senedd, including three that had reached the threshold for a successor committee to consider whether to request a debate.

6 Papers to note

6.1 Letter to Business Committee – Consideration of changes to Standing Order 23

Members noted the paper.

6.2 P-06-1550 Place the drug Xonvea on to the formulary for the management of nausea and vomiting in pregnancy

Members noted the paper.

6.3 P-06-1307 The Welsh Government should commit to the adoption of the maintenance of new housing estates by local authorities

Members noted the paper.

6.4 P-06-1476 1000 meter mandatory buffer zone for all new and existing quarries

Members noted the paper.

6.5 P-06-1540 Remove The Manipulative Funding System Forcing Students To Do Welsh Baccalaureate

Members noted the paper.

6.6 P-06-1582 Restore a fair funding route so Welsh students aren't shut out from MT dance degrees in England

Members noted the paper.

6.7 P-06-1581 Urgent Pembrokeshire Healthcare & Resident Safety – Withybush Hospital & Health Board Intervention

Members noted the paper.

6.8 P-06-1479 Stop the detention of learning disabled and autistic children, young people and adults in hospitals

Members noted the paper.

6.9 P-06-1464 Allow Welsh families who have experienced Baby loss before 24 weeks to obtain baby loss certificate

Members noted the paper.

7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the remainder of today's business:

Before moving the procedural motion, the Chair made some closing remarks as it was the final meeting of the Sixth Senedd.

The procedural motion was agreed.

8 Legacy report: Consideration of final draft

The final draft of the legacy report was agreed for publication prior to dissolution, subject to some minor amendments. It was hoped that Members of the next Senedd would take on board the points made in the report about ways of working.