

Petitions Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 1 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 3 June 2014**

Meeting time: **09.01 – 10.02**

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Assembly Members:

William Powell (Chair)
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Witnesses:

Committee Staff:

Steve George (Clerk)
Kayleigh Driscoll (Deputy Clerk)
Kath Thomas (Deputy Clerk)
Helen Roberts (Legal Advisor)

1 Introduction, apologies and substitutions

2 New petitions

2.1 P-04-557 Valuation Tribunal Service

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to write to the Minister for Local Government and Government Business seeking her views on the petition.

3 Updates to previous petitions

3.1 P-04-526 Please make Senedd TV accessible to deaf people

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to the Petitioner:

- asking for clarification of exactly what facilities they would like to see for Senedd TV; and
- reiterating the Presiding Officer's earlier offer to hold a meeting to discuss the issues raised in the petition.

3.2 P-04-319 Newtown traffic petition

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to thank the Minister for her update and ask that the Committee continue to be kept informed of any developments.

3.3 P-03-315 New Dyfi River Crossing Petition

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to ask the Minister for her comments on the petitioners' views.

3.4 P-04-487 A Welsh Government deposit loan scheme for first time Welsh home buyers

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to seek the Minister's views on the petitioner's further suggestions.

3.5 P-04-536 Stop Factory Dairy Farming in Wales

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to defer consideration of the item until the next meeting pending legal advice.

3.6 P-04-447 Campaign for Statue of Henry VII in Pembroke

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- write to the petitioner and to AMs' in the constituency and region with the information in the research briefing; and
- close the petition.

3.7P-04-539 Save Cardiff Coal Exchange

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed:

- that the Petitioner would be welcome to attend the site visit to the Coal Exchange; That it would be helpful if a representative from the Council Planning Department could attend to explain the action the Council had taken;and
- to chase the Council for the Cabinet report of January 2014 and circulate to Members before the visit takes place.

3.8P-04-436 Government Expenditure and Revenue Wales

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to forward to the Minister a copy of the Government Expenditure and Revenue Scotland (GERS) report asking whether something similar can be done in Wales.

3.9P-04-437 Opposing compulsory registration for home educating children

3.10 P-04-517 Stop the Welsh Assembly Government from bringing in the monitoring of electively home educated children under the guise

The Committee considered correspondence on these petitions and agreed to:

- Close the petitions and forward the Minister's recent statement, which has addressed the petitioners' concerns, to both of the petitioners;
- write to the Minister asking if the lead petitioner for P-04-437 can be involved in the work of developing the non-statutory guidance on home education, which is to be produced by May 2015.

3.11 P-04-448 Improve Sexual health services for Western Vale

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to the:

- Minister expressing serious concern at the lack of response from Cardiff and Vale University Health Board; and
- Community Health Care Council expressing the Committee's concerns with the Health Board and asking whether they have undertaken any investigations in relation to the issues raised in the petition.

3.12 P-04-449 Bridgend Princess Of Wales – Save Our Services – Stop the Downgrade!

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to close the petition in the light of the Petitioner's comments.

3.13 P-04-456 Dementia – This Could Happen to you

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- ask the Minister to keep the Committee closely informed of any further developments in this area and maintain a watching brief; and
- in doing so, ask the Minister to consider and clarify how he will change the process for future consultations to ensure that the views and experience of those directly affected are captured.

3.14 P-04-502 Wellbeing Centre for Wales

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- write to the Minister asking whether any aspects of the petition's proposals will be contained in the planned 'Future Generations Bill', which may deal with 'Wellbeing' issues; and
- close the petition.

3.15 P-04-530 Bilingual Labeling

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to defer consideration of the item until the next meeting pending legal advice.

3.16 P-04-500 Call For Regulation of Animal Welfare Establishments in Wales

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to the Minister asking for his views on the report from the RSPCA.