

Petitions Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 28 April 2015**

Meeting time: **09.10 – 10.05**

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MeetingTitle

Assembly Members:

William Powell (Chair)
Russell George
Joyce Watson

Witnesses:

Committee Staff:

Steve George (Clerk)
Kath Thomas (Deputy Clerk)
Helen Roberts (Legal Adviser)

1 Introduction, apologies and substitutions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Bethan Jenkins. There was no substitute.

2 New petitions

2.1 P-04-613 AMs Should Reject Recommendation for a 18% payrise

2.1 – 1 The Members of the Committee present each declared a relevant interest in the subject of the petition.

2.1 – 2 The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to the petitioner seeking his comments on the letter from the Chair of the Independent Remuneration Board.

2.2P-04-623 Improve the Provision of Disabled-friendly Housing in Wales

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- Seek further comments from the petitioners on the specific points raised in the final paragraph of the Minister's letter; and
- Write to the Welsh Local Government Association to ask whether all local authorities are including Welsh Quality Housing Standards within their Local Development Plans.

3 Updates to previous petitions

3.1 P-04-598 Disability Awareness Training

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- Write again to the petitioner, seeking their views on earlier correspondence; and
- Close the petition if a response is not forthcoming within six weeks.

3.2P-04-511 Support for children and young people participation standards

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty and Children in Wales seeking their comments on the points made by the petitioners.

3.3P-04-535 Save our Fire Stations

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- Write again to the petitioner, seeking their views on earlier correspondence; and
- Close the petition if a response is not forthcoming within six weeks.

3.4P-04-563 Provision of Services at Pontypridd Fire Station

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- Write again to the petitioner, seeking their views on earlier correspondence; and
- Close the petition if a response is not forthcoming within six weeks.

3.5P-04-596 Save Porth Fire Station – SECONDS COST LIVES!

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- Write again to the petitioner, seeking their views on earlier correspondence; and
- Close the petition if a response is not forthcoming within six weeks.

3.6P-04-592 Democratically Binding Plebiscites at Local Government Level

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- Write again to the petitioner, seeking their views on earlier correspondence; and
- Close the petition if a response is not forthcoming within six weeks.

3.7P-04-525 Funding for CREST Awards in Wales

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and, given the positive news that the issue raised by the petition has been resolved for the current financial year, with negotiations ongoing for future years, agreed to close the petition.

3.8P-04-585 Changes to A494/A470 Junction Dolgellau

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition from the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport and agreed to:

- Write to the petitioner asking whether she is content with the action proposed by the Minister; and then
- Close the petition unless we hear differently from the petitioner within 6 weeks of writing.

3.9P-04-594 Cilmeri Community Council Appeal for The Prince Llywelyn Monument

The Committee considered correspondence from the petitioners and agreed to write to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport, seeking her views on whether road signage on the A483 to the monument is feasible.

3.10 P-04-542 Practical Opportunities for Young People

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- Write again to the petitioner, seeking their views on earlier correspondence; and
- Close the petition if a response is not forthcoming within six weeks.

3.11 P-04-551 Basic First Aid To Be Taught In Schools

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- Write again to the petitioner, seeking their views on earlier correspondence; and
- Close the petition if a response is not forthcoming within six weeks.

3.12 P-04-569 Stop National Tests for Primary School Children

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- Write again to the petitioner, seeking their views on earlier correspondence; and

- Close the petition if a response is not forthcoming within six weeks.

3.13 P-04-576 Allow Children in Wales to Have a Family Holiday During Term Time

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to invite the Minister and petitioner to present oral evidence to the Committee with a view to the Committee reporting to the Assembly in due course.

3.14 P-04-479 Tywyn Memorial Hospital X-ray & Minor Injuries Unit Petition

The petition was considered together with agenda item 3.15 (P-04-466)

The Committee considered an update on the situation locally from the Chief Executive of Betsi Cadwaladr Local Health Board and agreed to seek the petitioners' views on the current position.

3.15 P-04-466 Medical Emergency – Preventing the introduction of a poorer Health Service for North Wales

The petition was considered together with agenda item 3.14 (P-04-479)

The Committee considered an update on the situation locally from the Chief Executive of Betsi Cadwaladr Local Health Board and agreed to seek the petitioner's views on the current position.

3.16 P-04-534 A campaign to secure CARDIGAN HOSPITAL

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- Write again to the petitioner, seeking their views on earlier correspondence; and
- Close the petition if a response is not forthcoming within six weeks.

3.17 P-04-552 Child Protection

The Committee considered correspondence from the petitioner and agreed to seek the views of the Minister for Health and Social Services on its content.

3.18 P-04-514 A Welsh clean coal and/or renewable energy power station instead of the proposed Wylfa B nuclear plant at Anglesey

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to ask for an update from the Minister on latest developments in relation to Wylfa B and the development of clean coal technology, including any dealings with Hitachi.

3.19 P-04-547 Ban Polystyrene(EPS) Fast Food and Drinks Packaging

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to consider the petition again, including whether to press for the Minister to give oral evidence, once responses had been received from other correspondents.

3.20 P-04-550 Planning Powers

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to the Minister for Natural Resources seeking his views on the petitioners' comments.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:

The Committee agreed the Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting to consider the following business:

Item 5 – Draft Committee Reports

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