

Concise Minutes – Petitions Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Tuesday, 11 October 2016

Meeting time: 09.09 – 10.02

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Adam Price AM (In place of Neil McEvoy AM)
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk) Kath Thomas (Deputy Clerk) Lisa Salkeld (Legal Adviser)

Transcript

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1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Adam Price attended in place of Neil McEvoy.

Janet Finch–Saunders sent her apologies.



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2 New petitions

2.1 P-05-704 Bring Back January Exams for AS/A level Students

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to await the views of the petitioner before deciding whether to take any further action.

2.2 P-05-707 Teachers' Training Must Include Statutory Training in Autism

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Education to ask whether the Government intends to address the issues of autism in teacher training through the forthcoming Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal Bill, and the planned timetable for this.

2.3 P-05-709 The Circuit of Wales

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to write to the Auditor General and the Public Accounts Committee asking them to take the petition into account in their consideration of the Circuit of Wales project.

2.4 P-05-710 Ensure Disabled People can Access Public Transport As and When They Need it

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to invite the petitioners in to provide further evidence to the Committee.

2.5 P-05-711 Ensure Disabled People's Housing Adaption Needs Are Adequately Met

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to seek the views of:

- the petitioners on the new framework for home adaptations currently being implemented; and
- the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) and Disability Wales on the issues raised by the petition and the implementation of the new framework.

2.6 P-05-712 A Welsh Government Department for Europe would ensure a clear, strategic and accountable voice for Wales in ongoing negotiations

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to pass the petition and the petitioner's additional comments to the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee, and ask them to consider raising the issues covered by the petition in their forthcoming scrutiny of the First Minister on the implications for Wales of the UK's withdrawal from the EU.

2.7 P-05-713 The Wildlife Warriors

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to await the views of the petitioners before deciding whether to take any further action.

3 Updates to previous petitions

3.1 P-04-539 Save Cardiff Coal Exchange

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to await the views of the petitioner before deciding whether to take any further action.

3.2 P-04-457 The Charitable Chaplaincy Campaign

See agreed action under agenda item 3.3.

3.3 P-04-474 Support for NHS Chaplaincy Services

The Committee considered this petition together with P-04-457 The Charitable Chaplaincy Campaign, and agreed to close both petitions given the previous Committee's detailed consideration of the issues and the clear statement of the Government's view from the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-being and Sport.

3.4 P-05-693 Give Every Child in Wales the Meningitis B Vaccine for Free

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to Meningitis Now and the Meningitis Research Foundation to seek their views on extending the existing vaccination programme.

3.5 P-04-519 Abolition of Park Homes Sales Commission

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and, now that research into the economics of the park homes industry has been published by the Welsh Government, agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children to seek the Government's reflections on the recommendations in relation to the ability of site owners to charge commission on the sale of park homes.

3.6 P-05-702 EMA Attendance Requirements for Young Adult Carers

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- close the petition, given the satisfaction of the petitioner; and
- forward the petitioner's additional comments to the Government and the Student Loan's Company to inform their work on this issue.

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

The motion was agreed.

5 Review of the National Assembly for Wales Petitions System

The Committee considered recommendations on the Review of the National Assembly for Wales Petitions System.