

Petitions Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 11 October 2011**

Meeting time: **09:30 – 10:45**

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Assembly Members:

William Powell (Chair)
Russell George
Joyce Watson

Witnesses:

Jane Hutt, Minister for Finance and Leader of the House
Jackie Nicholls, Equality Policy Manager – Disability & Age
Huw Brodie, Director of Strategic Planning & Equality

Committee Staff:

Abigail Phillips (Clerk)
Sarita Marshall (Deputy Clerk)
Helen Roberts (Legal Advisor)

1. Introduction, apologies and substitutions

The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.

Apologies had been received from Bethan Jenkins. There were no substitutions.

2. New petitions

2.1 P-04-333 Stop neglect and abandonment of horses and ponies by enforcement of microchipping laws

The Committee agreed to:

Await the Minister's response to the letter from the Chair

Defer consideration of the issue until the call for evidence closes on 18 November.

2.2 P-04-334 Petition for a new renal unit at Prince Charles Hospital

The Committee agreed to write to Cwm Taf Health Board; Cwm Taf Community Health Council; and Kidney Wales Foundation to seek their views on the subject of the petition.

2.3 P-04-335 The Establishment of a Welsh Cricket Team

The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the issue until after the call for evidence closes on 18 November.

2.4 P-04-336 A Welsh-language daily newspaper for Wales

The Committee agreed to await the Minister's response.

2.5 P-04-337 Tenovus: Free sunscreen

The Committee agreed to:

Write to the Children's Commissioner for Wales on the issue

Refer the petition to the Children and Young People Committee and to the Health and Social Care Committee.

2.6 P-04-338 Petition on the sale of the Vyrnwy estate by Severn Trent Water

Joyce Watson stated that she is a member of the RSPB.

The Committee agreed to:

Write to the petitioners seeking an update on their meeting with Severn Trent Water.

Write to the Environment and Sustainability Committee to seek details of the terms of reference of the task and finish group that will be set up to look at the process of sales of this kind.

Write to Severn Trent Water seeking an update on meetings they have held with the local community.

Write to the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development to seek his view on the sale process and ask how he intends to monitor any environmental issues that may arise as a result of the sale.

Write to the Minister for Business and Enterprise to seek her view on the sale process and ask how she intends to monitor any economic issues that may arise as a result of the sale.

3. Updates to previous petitions

3.1 P-04-321 Arriva Trains Wales services between South West and South East Wales

The Committee agreed to consider the latest correspondence from the petitioner at its next meeting.

3.2 P-03-220 Lower the speed limit on the A40 near Abergavenny

3.3 P-03-240 Road safety on the A40 in Llanddewi Velfrey

The Committee agreed to:

Await the outcome of the Minister's speed limit review on trunk roads.

Forward the Minister's response to the petitioners and inform them that the Committee will return to their petition once the outcome of the review is known.

3.4 P-03-205 Keep Abergavenny Livestock Market

The Committee agreed to:

Defer consideration of the petition until the Minister's consultation on repealing relevant provisions of the Abergavenny Improvement Acts 1854–1871 has been completed.

Pass all evidence gathered by the Committee on this petition to the Minister for Local Government and Communities, as requested by the petitioner.

3.5 P-03-261 Local Solutions to Newtown Traffic Congestion

The Committee agreed to return to this petition, as well petition P-04-319, at its next meeting.

3.6 P-03-156 Sleep Apnoea

The Committee agreed to:

Write to the Minister asking for reassurance that sufficient funding will be set aside for the Respiratory National Services Advisory Group minimum clinical standards in the forthcoming budget round, and inform the petitioner of that action

Close the petition, given the compliance levels reported by the Minister

3.7 P-03-260 The Campaign for Dark Skies

The Committee agreed to:

Note RoSPA's views on the need for sufficient lighting and the Minister's guidance to local authorities on reducing light pollution. Close the petition.

3.8 P-03-305 Statutory School Libraries

The Committee agreed to close the petition.

3.9 P-03-263 List Stradey Park

The Committee agreed to produce a short report, drawing the different strands of this petition together.

3.10 P-04-322 A call to revise Cadw's hold upon churches

The Committee agreed to write to the petitioners, enclosing the latest correspondence from the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage, to ask how they would like to proceed.

3.11 P-03-308 Save Gwent Theatre

3.12 P-03-311 Spectacle Theatre

3.13 P-03-314 Save Theatr Powys & Mid Powys Youth Theatre

The Committee agreed to await the outcome of the Minister's review into theatre experiences for young people.

3.14 P-04-328 MCA Modernising Coastguard Proposals

Joyce Watson stated that she had lobbied to keep MRCC Milford Haven open.

The Committee agreed to invite the petitioners to give oral evidence.

3.15 P-03-262 Wales Peace Institute

The Committee agreed to issue a call for evidence on this issue.

4. Oral evidence on P-03-288 National Strategy on Independent Living- Minister for Finance and Leader of the House

The Committee heard evidence from the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House.

The Committee agreed to seek the petitioners' response to the Minister's announcement of a Framework for Action on Independent Living, and to encourage them to engage in the development of that framework.

5. Papers to Note

The Committee noted the papers.

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