

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Thursday, 26 April 2018

Meeting time: 09.37 – 10.31

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Dawn Bowden AM Jayne Bryant AM David Melding AM Simon Thomas AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Lord Deben, Witness
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Martha Da Gama Howells (Second Clerk) Chloe Corbyn (Researcher) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport on the Report on General and Budget Scrutiny

Members noted the response from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport. Members agreed to seek clarification on the commitment from the Welsh Government that they would no longer accept committee recommendations 'in principle', and whether this applies to all reports or just those published by the Public Accounts Committee.

2.2 Response from the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on legislation arising from the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union

Members noted the letter.

2.3 Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee on introducing a tax on disposable single use items and compostable food packaging

The Committee noted the letter. Members agreed to write to the Chair of the Petitions Committee outlining the proposed approach to this issue.

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for items 4 and 5

4 Agricultural Wages Order update

Members received an update on this issue from the legal advisor. Members noted that the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee had reported on the Order. The Committee agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary about two issues arising from the Order. The Committee also agreed to undertake further work on this subject during 2019.

5 Annual Report on Welsh Government Progress on Climate Change Mitigation: discussion of draft report

Members noted the draft report and recommendations which was agreed with some amendments.

6 UK Committee on Climate Change: Building a Low Carbon Economy in Wales – Discussion with Lord Deben

Members received a presentation from Lord Deben on the advice from the UK Committee on Climate Change to the Welsh Government on meeting climate change mitigation targets.