

Concise Minutes – Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 1 April 2019

Meeting time: 11.00 – 15.45

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mick Antoniw AM (Chair) Carwyn Jones AM Dai Lloyd AM David Melding AM
Witnesses:	Rob Williams, NAHT Colin Everett, Flintshire County Council Daniel Hurford, Welsh Local Government Association Professor David Egan, Education Adviser and Consultant Professor Ellen Hazelkorn, BH Associates Jessica Blair, Institute of Welsh Affairs
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Ruth Hatton (Deputy Clerk) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser) Ben Harris (Legal Adviser) Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser)



1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Dawn Bowden AM and Mandy Jones AM.

2 Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 5

The Committee took evidence from Jess Blair, Director of the Electoral Reform Society.

3.1 SL(5)399 – Code of Practice – The Local Authority Fostering Services (Wales) Regulations 2018

The Chair indicated that Item 3 was incorrectly titled. The Code is a piece of subordinate legislation subject to Standing Order 21.7. The Committee noted the position as set out by the Chair.

Paper 2 was included in error and should be disregarded.

4 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Assembly under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3

4.1 SL(5)398 – The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (Wales) Regulations 2019

The Committee considered the instrument and will report to the Assembly in line with the reporting points identified.

4.2 SL(5)402 – The Equine Identification (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2019

The Committee considered the instrument and will report to the Assembly in line with the reporting points identified.

5 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Assembly under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3 – previously considered

5.1 SL(5)362 – The Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release and Transboundary Movement) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

The Committee noted the Government response.

5.2 SL(5)389 – The Forest Reproductive Material (Great Britain) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2019

The Committee noted the Government response.

5.3 SL(5)390 – The Plant Health (Forestry) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2019

The Committee noted the Government response.

5.4 SL(5)394 – The Agricultural Wages (Wales) Order 2019

The Committee noted the Government response.

5.5 SL(5)393 – The Invasive Alien Species (Enforcement and Permitting) Order 2019

The Committee noted the Government response.

5.6 SL(5)395 – The Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018 (Supplementary Provisions) Regulations 2019

The Committee noted the Government response.

5.7 SL(5)396 – Qualifications Wales (Monetary Penalties) (Determination of Turnover) Regulations 2019

The Committee noted the Government response.

6 Written statements under Standing Order 30C

6.1 WS–30C(5)126 – Food and Feed Hygiene and Safety (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

The Committee noted the written statement and commentary.

6.2 WS–30C(5)127 – Geo Blocking (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

The Committee noted the written statement and commentary.

7 Papers to note

7.1 Letter from the First Minister to the Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

The Committee noted the letter from the First Minister to the Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee.

7.2 Letter from Bruce Crawford MSP, Convener of the Finance and Constitution Committee

The Committee noted the letter from Bruce Crawford MSP and agreed to explore options for future joint work.

7.3 Letter from Lord Trefgarne: Scrutiny of Regulations made under the EU (Withdrawal) Act

The Committee noted the letter from Lord Trefgarne.

7.4 Correspondence with the Welsh Government: UK EU Exit Regulations

The Committee noted the response from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd.

7.5 Letter from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs Committee: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Fisheries Bill

The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs in response to the Committee report on the UK Fisheries Bill Legislative Consent Memorandum.

7.6 Letter from the First Minister: Correspondence relating to the EU (Withdrawal) Bill

The Committee noted the letter from the First Minister.

7.7 Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services: Four Nations Ministerial Meeting

The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services in relation to the Four Nations Ministerial meeting.

7.8 Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services: Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill

The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services in relation to the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill.

8 Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 6

The Committee took evidence from Professor Ellen Hazelkorn and Professor David Egan.

9 Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 7

The Committee took evidence from Colin Everett, Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council and Daniel Hurford, Head of Policy (Improvement and Governance) Welsh Local Government Association.

10 Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 8

The Committee took evidence from Rob Williams, Director of NAHT Cymru.

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

The motion was agreed.

12 Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence

The Committee considered the evidence received in relation to the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill.

13 Legislation (Wales) Bill: Stage 2 Order of Consideration

The Committee noted the order of consideration in principle, ahead of the Stage 1 debate on the general principles of the Bill.

14 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the River Authorities and Land Drainage Bill

The Committee agreed its report.

15 The UK Agriculture Bill: supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum

The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs in relation to a supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the UK Agriculture Bill.

3 Instruments that raise no reporting issues under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3