

Concise Minutes – Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Wednesday, 18 March
2020

Meeting time: 10.03 – 12.31

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Dai Lloyd AM (Chair) Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Carwyn Jones AM (In place of Jayne Bryant AM) Angela Burns AM Lynne Neagle AM David Rees AM
Witnesses:	Dr Frank Atherton, Chief Medical Officer, Welsh Government Dr Rob Orford, Welsh Government Vaughan Gething AM, Minister for Health and Social Services Neil Surman, Welsh Government Sapna Lewis, Welsh Government Grace Martins, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Sarah Beasley (Clerk)



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	Claire Morris (Second Clerk) Sarah Hatherley (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Jayne Bryant AM, Carwyn Jones AM attended as a substitute.

2 Technical briefing on Covid-19

2.1 Dr Frank Atherton made a brief introductory statement.

2.2 The Committee received evidence from Dr Frank Atherton and Dr Rob Orford.

3 COVID-19: Emergency Bill

3.1 The Committee received evidence from Vaughan Gething AM, Minister for Health and Social Services and his officials.

3.2 Vaughan Gething, AM, the Minister for Health and Social Services agreed to provide a note to the Committee regarding continuing healthcare and the differences between the processes in England and Wales.

3.3. Welsh Government officials agreed to provide a note to the Committee, following publication of the Bill, to clarify if the power to close Welsh ports and airports lies with the Welsh Government or the UK Government.

3.4 Welsh Government officials agreed to provide a note to the Committee regarding the legislative procedure which relates to elements within the Bill which will require Parliamentary approval before they are enacted as opposed to Ministerial approval.

3.5 Welsh Government officials agreed to provide a note to the Committee regarding the negotiations and provisions which are being made to support the food industry and its staff.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting

4.1 The Committee agreed the Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.

5 COVID-19: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.