

Concise Minutes – Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Monday, 3 February 2020

Meeting time: 10.31 – 12.32

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Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Assembly Members: | Dawn Bowden AM (Chair) Huw Irranca-Davies AM Dai Lloyd AM David J Rowlands AM |
| Witnesses: | Professor Sarah Childs, Birkbeck, University of London Mary Sherwood, City and County of Swansea Council Dr bob Watt, retired Professor of Election Law |
| Committee Staff: | Helen Finlayson (Clerk) Stephen Aldhouse (Second Clerk) Gerallt Roberts (Deputy Clerk) Gareth Pembridge (Legal Adviser) Tom Lewis-White (Researcher) |



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 The Chair thanked Delyth Jewell AM for her work on the Committee and welcomed Dai Lloyd AM to his first meeting as a member of the Committee.

2 Electing a more diverse Assembly – evidence session on job-sharing

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel.

3 Papers to note

Paper to note 1 – Written evidence from the Wales Environment Link on the capacity of the Assembly – January 2020

Papers to note 2–12 – Letters from committee Chairs on the Assembly’s capacity:

| Paper to note | Committee |
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| Paper to note 2 | Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee |
| Paper to note 3 | Petitions Committee |
| Paper to note 4 | Finance Committee |
| Paper to note 5 | Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee |
| Paper to note 6 | External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee |
| Paper to note 7 | Standards of Conduct Committee |
| Paper to note 8 | Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee |
| Paper to note 9 | Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee |
| Paper to note 10 | Health, Social Care and Sport Committee |
| Paper to note 11 | Children, Young People and Education Committee |
| Paper to note 12 | Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee |

Paper to note 13 – Letter from the Llywydd with additional information following the meeting on 2 December 2019 – 27 January 2020

3.1 The papers were noted.

4 Motion under Standing Orders 17.42(vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting, and from the meetings on 24 February and 2 March

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Electing a more diverse Assembly – consideration of the oral evidence on job-sharing

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Electoral systems and boundaries – approach to inquiry

6.1 The Committee agreed the approach to its inquiry on electoral systems and boundaries.

6.2 The Committee agreed to undertake a visit as part of its inquiry, and to write to the Business Committee to seek permission to do so.

7 Forward work programme

7.1 The Committee considered its forward work programme, and agreed to publish its programme for the coming term.