

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 11 June 2020

Meeting time: 09.00 – 11.45

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Andrew RT Davies MS Llyr Gruffydd MS Neil Hamilton MS Jenny Rathbone MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Lesley Griffiths MS, Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs Gian Marco Currado, Welsh Government Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer, Welsh Government John Howells, Welsh Government Dean Medcraft, Welsh Government Keith Smyton, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk) Katy Orford (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the virtual meeting.

2 COVID-19: Scrutiny session with the Welsh Government

2.1 Members questioned the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs and her officials about the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the agriculture sector, food and animal welfare, and her department's response to date to the pandemic.

3 COVID-19: Continuation of Scrutiny session with the Welsh Government

3.1 Members continued to question the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs and her officials about the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the agriculture sector, food and animal welfare, and her department's response to date to the pandemic.

4 Papers to note

4.1 The Committee noted the papers.

4.1 Letter to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs – follow-up to evidence session of 7 May

4.2 Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs on the Legislative Consent Memorandum in relation to the UK Environment Bill

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 COVID-19: Consideration of evidence received

6.1 Members considered the evidence heard during the scrutiny sessions. They agreed to write to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to request further information on some of the issues raised.

7 Discussion on the Committee's Forward Work Programme

7.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its Forward Work Programme.