

# Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 13 July 2020

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.59

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mick Antoniw MS (Chair) Suzy Davies MS Carwyn Jones MS Dai Lloyd MS
Witnesses:	Sir Wyn Williams, Welsh Tribunals Rhian Davies-Rees, Welsh Tribunals
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk) Nia Moss (Researcher) Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser) Rhiannon Lewis (Legal Adviser) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser) Aled Evans



## **1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

The Chair confirmed that, in accordance with Standing Order 34.19, he had determined that the public were excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health.

There were no apologies or substitutions.

## **2 Making Justice work in Wales: Evidence session 1**

The Committee took evidence from Sir Wyn Williams, the President of Welsh Tribunals, in relation to its inquiry into Making Justice work in Wales. The Committee also questioned Sir Wyn on his first two annual reports in his capacity as President of Welsh Tribunals.

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

### **3.1 SL(5)568 – The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications and Site Visits) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020**

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

## **4 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Senedd under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3**

### **4.1 SL(5)572 – The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2020**

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting point identified.

#### **4.2 SL(5)570 – The Maintained Schools (Amendment of paragraph 7 of Schedule 17 to the Coronavirus Act 2020) (Wales) Regulations 2020**

The Committee considered the instrument and the Welsh Government response and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting points identified, and to further consider the issues raised.

#### **4.3 SL(5)573 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2020**

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting points identified. In addition, the Committee noted that the instrument has been revoked by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2020.

### **5 Instruments that raise no reporting issues under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3 but have implications as a result of the UK exiting the EU**

#### **5.1 SL(5)569 – The Cancellation of Student Loans for Living Costs Liability (Wales) Regulations 2020**

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Senedd to highlight issues as a result of the UK's exit from the EU.

### **6 Written statements under Standing Order 30C**

#### **6.1 WS–30C(5)162 – The Regulation (EU) No 2018/1724 The Single Digital Gateway Regulation (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020**

The Committee noted the written statement and the commentary.

#### **6.2 WS–30C(5)163 – The Professional Qualifications and Services (Miscellaneous Provisions) (EU Exit) 2020**

The Committee noted the written statement and the commentary.

## **7 Papers to note**

### **7.1 Letter from the Head of the Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales – Scrutiny of Welsh Government regulations and compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty**

The Committee noted the letter from the Head of the Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales. In addition, the Committee noted that the Chair had replied to the letter to acknowledge the points raised.

### **7.2 Letter from the Chair of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee – correspondence from the Prison and Probation Ombudsman**

The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee in relation to its inquiry into Making Justice work in Wales.

### **7.3 Letter from Alex Chalk MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice – data on access to justice**

The Committee noted the letter from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice in response to its request for information on data on access to justice.

## **8 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**

The Committee agreed the motion.

## **9 Making Justice work in Wales – consideration of evidence**

The Committee considered the evidence received during the session with the President of Welsh Tribunals.

## **10 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Environment Bill – consideration of draft report**

The Committee considered and agreed, subject to minor amendments, its report on the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Environment Bill.

The Committee noted that the report would be laid by the reporting deadline of 17 July 2020.

## **11 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Trade Bill – consideration of draft report**

The Committee considered and agreed, subject to minor amendments, its report on the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Trade Bill. The Committee noted that the reporting deadline had been extended and that its report would be laid in due course.

## **12 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Agriculture Bill – consideration of draft report**

The Committee considered and agreed its report on the Welsh Government's Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Agriculture Bill. The Committee noted that the reporting deadline had been extended and that its report would be laid in due course.

## **13 Wales' Changing Constitution – consideration of key issues**

The Committee considered the evidence received to date in relation to its inquiry into Wales' Changing Constitution and its plans for reporting on the issues raised.

## **14 Brexit update – common frameworks**

The Committee noted the briefing from the Research Service in relation to common frameworks.