

Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 1 February 2021

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.30

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Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Members of the Senedd: | Mick Antoniw MS (Chair) Carwyn Jones MS Dai Lloyd MS David Melding MS |
| Witnesses: | Julie James MS, Minister for Housing and Local Government Chris Warner, Welsh Government Dorian Brunt, Welsh Government |
| Committee Staff: | P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Gruffydd Owen (Researcher) Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser) Rhiannon Lewis (Legal Adviser) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) |



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 Welsh Elections (Coronavirus) Bill: Evidence session

The Committee took evidence from the Minister for Housing and Local Government in relation to the Welsh Elections (Coronavirus) Bill.

3 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Senedd under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3

3.1 SL(5)729 –The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel, Operator Liability and Public Health Information to Travellers) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

The Committee considered the instrument and the Welsh Government response, which was received during proceedings, and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting points identified.

3.2 SL(5)728 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Restrictions) (Amendment) (No. 3) (Wales) Regulations 2021

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

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

4.1 SL(5)703 – The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

4.2 SL(5)707 – The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Amendment) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

4.3 SL(5)723 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Restrictions) (Amendment) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2021

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

4.4 SL(5)725 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

4.5 SL(5)726 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

5 Subordinate legislation that raises issues to be reported to the Assembly under Standing Order 21.7

5.1 SL(5)727 – The Candidate Election Expenses (Senedd Elections) Code of Practice 2021

The Committee considered the Code of Practice and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting points identified.

6 Statutory Instruments requiring Senedd consent (Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandums)

6.1 SICM(5)39 – The Electronic Commerce Directive (Education, Adoption and Children)(Amendment etc.) Regulations 2021

The Committee noted the Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum, the letter from the Deputy Minister and the commentary.

7 Papers to note

7.1 Letter from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs: The Official Controls (Temporary Measure) (Covid-19) (Amendments) Regulations 2021

The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs and, in private, agreed to write to seek further information on the Regulations.

7.2 Correspondence with the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice: Making Justice work in Wales

The Committee noted the correspondence and that arrangements were being made for the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice to give evidence to the Committee as part of its inquiry into Making Justice work in Wales.

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 Welsh Elections (Coronavirus) Bill – consideration of evidence

The Committee considered the evidence received during the session with the Minister for Housing and Local Government and agreed to finalise its report outside of Committee before laying it in advance of the plenary debate scheduled for 2 February 2021.

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

The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs and agreed to consider a further draft of its report at a future meeting.

11 United Kingdom Internal Market Act – briefing

The Committee agreed to defer the briefing to the next meeting.

12 Common Frameworks – update

The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee.