

Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 8 February 2021

Meeting time: 09.30 – 10.36

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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 |
| Committee Staff: | P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk) Nia Moss (Researcher) Lucy Valsamidis (Researcher) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser) Gareth Howells (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 Instruments that raise no reporting issues under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3

2.1 SL(5)730 – The Education (Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2021

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

2.2 SL(5)733 – The Partnership Arrangements (Amendment) and Regulated Services (Market Stability Reports) (Wales) Regulations 2021

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

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

3.1 SL(5)737 – The Local Government (Coronavirus) (Postponement of Elections) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2021

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

3.2 SL(5)731 – The Representation of the People (Amendment) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2021

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

3.3 SL(5)732 – The Nurse Staffing Levels (Extension of Situations) (Wales) Regulations 2021

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

3.4 SL(5)738 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Restrictions) (Amendment) (No. 4) (Wales) Regulations 2021

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

3.5 SL(5)739 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) 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)721 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

4.2 SL(5)724 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel, Pre-Departure Testing and Operator Liability) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

5 Subordinate legislation that raises no reporting issues under Standing Order 21.7

5.1 SL(5)734 – Code of Practice and Guidance under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

The Committee considered the Code of Practice and was content.

6 Written Statements under Standing Order 30C

6.1 WS-30C(5)216 – The Food and Drink (Miscellaneous Amendments Relating to Food and Wine Composition, Information and Labelling) Regulations 2021

The Committee noted the statement and the commentary.

7 Papers to note

7.1 Letter from the Equality and Human Rights Commission: Scrutiny of Welsh Government regulations and compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty – Standing Order 21.3C(iv)

The Committee noted the letter from the Equality and Human Rights Commission and, in private, agreed to write to the Welsh Government to seek an update on the publication of the assessment documents.

7.2 Letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government: Welsh Elections (Coronavirus) Bill

The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government and her response to the Committee's recommendations in relation to the Bill.

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

The Committee considered its draft report on the Welsh Government's Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Environment Bill and agreed to finalise the report outside of Committee.

10 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Domestic Abuse Bill – consideration of key issues

The Committee considered the key issues in relation to the Welsh Government's Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Domestic Abuse Bill and agreed to consider its draft report at the next meeting.

11 Making Justice work in Wales – consideration of key issues

The Committee considered the key issues in relation to its inquiry into Making Justice work in Wales. The Committee noted that it would be having evidence sessions with the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice and with the Law Commission at its next meeting.

12 United Kingdom Internal Market Act – briefing

The Committee received a briefing on the UK Internal Market Act.

13 Scrutiny of regulations made under the EU (Withdrawal) Act 2018 – update

The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd.