

Concise Minutes – Petitions Committee

Meeting Venue:

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Meeting date: Monday, 23 October 2023

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Meeting time: 14.00 – 15.19

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jack Sargeant MS (Chair) Joel James MS Peredur Owen Griffiths MS
Witnesses:	Simon Gilbert, Head of Planning, Cardiff Council Darren Joyce, Director, The Friendly Trust
Committee Staff:	Gareth Price (Clerk) Kayleigh Imperato (Deputy Clerk) Aled Evans (Legal Adviser)

- 1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**
- 2 Evidence session – P-06-1307 The Welsh Government should commit to the adoption of the maintenance of new housing estates by local authorities**

The Committee heard evidence from Simon Gilbert, Head of Planning, Cardiff Council.



3 New Petitions

3.1 P-06-1362 Match the new childcare offer in England of 15 hours for 2 year old's from April 2024

The Committee discussed the petition and noted petition P-06-1359 Offer Welsh working parents the same financial support for childcare as England, which was considered at the last meeting.

Members agreed to write to the Welsh Government on both petitions to highlight the issues raised by Oxfam Cymru and seek further clarity before deciding on the next steps to take.

4 Updates to previous petitions

4.1 P-06-1334 Make the Senedd More Representative of the Welsh Population

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to highlight it to the Local Government and Housing Committee and return to it once Stage 1 proceedings for the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill have ended.

4.2 P-06-1332 Fund vaccine research to protect red squirrels from deadly Squirrelpox virus

The Committee considered the petition and the plenary debate – which included an appeal from a Member to be kept informed of progress. Members agreed to keep the petition open and seek an update on the position in 12 months' time.

4.3 P-06-1299 Welsh Government 'Freeze on road building" to include a clause for cases that pose a danger to life

The Committee considered the petition and agreed to write back to Rhondda Cynon Taf council to seek answers to a number of questions including:

- Has a route for a relief road been identified; and
- Are they actively lobbying the Welsh Government to look again at this particular scheme.

5 Evidence session – P-06-1335 Welsh Government should take steps to ensure vulnerable adults without bank cards can pay with cash

The Committee heard evidence from Darren Joyce, Director of the Friendly Trust.

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

The motion was agreed.

7 Discussion of evidence – P-06-1307 The Welsh Government should commit to the adoption of the maintenance of new housing estates by local authorities

The Committee discussed the evidence heard.

8 Discussion of evidence – P-06-1335 Welsh Government should take steps to ensure vulnerable adults without bank cards can pay with cash

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