

Concise Minutes – Wales COVID-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3, Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 18 November
2024

Meeting time: 14.00 – 15.39

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Tom Giffard MS (Chair) Joyce Watson MS (Chair) Mabon ap Gwynfor MS Sam Rowlands MS Hefin David MS
Witnesses:	Dr Simon Williams – Senior Lecturer in People and Organisation, Swansea University Professor Rowena Hill – Professor of Resilience, Emergencies and Disaster Science, Nottingham Trent University Richard Pickford – Manager of Nottingham Civic Exchange, Nottingham Trent University
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Sarah Hatherley (Researcher)



1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Co-Chair Tom Giffard MS welcomed Members and the public to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Buffy Williams MS and Rhianon Passmore MS.

Hefin David MS attended the meeting as a substitute for Rhianon Passmore MS in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.

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

The Co-Chair explained that Professor Rowena Hill and Richard Pickford from Nottingham Trent University had been commissioned to produce a gap analysis of the UK Covid-19 Public Inquiry's Module 1 report. Dr Simon Williams, has also been appointed as a long-term expert adviser to the Committee. The academics were attending today's meeting to provide an update on civil contingencies as well as an opportunity for Members to ask questions and shape the direction of their work in preparing the gap analysis which will assist the Committee in its evidence gathering to identify potential gaps that require further consideration.

As this session related to internal committee business the Co-Chair proposed that the item was held in private session.

The motion was agreed.

3 Update on Civil Contingencies and Preparedness

Members received a briefing and questioned academics Dr Simon William, Professor Rowena Hill and Richard Pickford.