

# Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee Room 4, Tŷ Hywel  
and videoconference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 3 November  
2025

Meeting time: 14.30 – 17.41

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS Samuel Kurtz MS Adam Price MS
Witnesses:	Julie James MS, Counsel General and Minister for Delivery Claire Fife, Welsh Government Dr James George, Welsh Government Neil Hemington, Welsh Government Dion Thomas, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Gerallt Roberts (Second Clerk) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)



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

There were no apologies or substitutions.

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

### **2.1 SL(6)658 – The Carbon Accounting (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2025**

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

## **3 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Senedd under Standing Order 21.7**

### **3.1 SL(6)655 – The Individual Candidate Election Expenses (Senedd Elections) Code of Practice 2025**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government. The instrument was withdrawn by Welsh Government prior to the meeting therefore the draft report was not considered by the Committee.

### **3.2 SL(6)656 – The Political Parties Campaign Expenditure (Senedd Elections) Code of Practice 2025**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government. The instrument was withdrawn by Welsh Government prior to the meeting therefore the draft report was not considered by the Committee.

### **3.3 SL(6)657 – Non-Party Campaigner Campaign Expenditure (Senedd Elections) Code of Practice 2025**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government. The instrument was withdrawn by Welsh Government prior to the meeting therefore the draft report was not considered by the Committee.

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

### **4.1 SL(6)659 – The Climate Change (Net Welsh Emissions Account Credit Limit) (Wales) Regulations 2025**

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

### **4.2 SL(6)660 – The Climate Change (Carbon Budget) (Wales) Regulations 2025**

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

## **5 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement**

### **5.1 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging and Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations 2025**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

### **5.2 Correspondence from the Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: The Procurement Act 2023 (Specified International Agreements) (Amendment) Regulations 2025**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language.

**5.3 Written Statement by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Organic Production (Amendment) Regulations 2025**

**5.4 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (Exclusions from Market Access Principles: Glue Traps) Regulations 2025**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

**5.5 Correspondence from the Welsh Government: Meetings of inter-ministerial groups**

## **6 Papers to note**

**6.1 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government to the Finance Committee: Building Safety (Wales) Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government to the Finance Committee.

**6.2 Correspondence from the Welsh Government: The Welsh Government's response to the Committee's report on the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Welsh Government.

**6.3 Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government: Consultation on the draft Local Elections (Wales) (Amendment) Rules 2026, and the draft Representation of the People Act 1983 (Security Expenses Exclusion) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2026**

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government.

**6.4 Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government:  
Review of community arrangements of the City and County of Swansea**

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government.

**6.5 Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Education: The Education  
(Scotland) Act 2025 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2025**

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Education.

**6.6 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 5) on the  
Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill**

The Committee noted that Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 5) on the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill had been laid. The Committee agreed, due to the short reporting deadline, not to report on the Memorandum.

**6.7 Correspondence from the Welsh Government: The Welsh Government's responses  
to Committees' reports on the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent  
Memoranda on the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Welsh Government.

**6.8 Correspondence from the Welsh Government: The Welsh Government's response  
to the cross-Committee report on the UK-EU implementation review of the Trade  
and Cooperation Agreement**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Welsh Government.

**6.9 Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning:  
The Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2025**

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning.

**6.10 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government:  
Building Safety (Wales) Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government.

**6.11 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government:  
Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government.

**7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the following items: 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13**

The motion was agreed.

**8 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 2) on the Crime and Policing Bill: Draft report**

The Committee considered the draft report and agreed to consider a revised version at its next meeting.

**9 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Public Office (Accountability) Bill**

The Committee considered the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Public Office (Accountability) Bill. It agreed to write to the Welsh Government, the NHS Confederation, the Welsh Local Government Association and the Senedd Commission to seek further information. The Committee agreed to consider a draft report at a future meeting.

**10 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 5) on the Planning and Infrastructure Bill**

The Committee considered Memorandum No. 5 on the Planning and Infrastructure Bill and agreed, due to the short reporting deadline, not to report on the Memorandum.

## **11 Review of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020: Draft correspondence**

The Committee agreed its draft letter to the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery.

## **12 Planning (Wales) Bill and Planning (Consequential Provisions) (Wales) Bill: Evidence Session with the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery**

The Committee received evidence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery in relation to the Planning (Wales) Bill and Planning (Consequential Provisions) (Wales) Bill.

## **13 Planning (Wales) Bill and Planning (Consequential Provisions) (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence**

The Committee considered the evidence heard during the evidence session.