

Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 9 February 2026

Meeting time: 13.30 – 14.20

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Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Members of the Senedd: | Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS Mark Isherwood MS Adam Price MS |
| Witnesses: | |
| Committee Staff: | P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Owain Davies (Second Clerk) Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk) Gerallt Roberts (Second Clerk) Jennifer Cottle (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)734 – The Education (Student Finance) (Amounts) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2026

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

2.2 SL(6)735 – The Local Government Finance (Wales) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2026

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

2.3 SL(6)738 – The Regulated Adoption Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) and Adoption Support Services (Local Authorities) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2026

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(6)731 – The Non-Domestic Rating (Amendment of Definition of Domestic Property) (Wales) Order 2026

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

3.2 SL(6)732 – The Welsh Elections Information Platform (Amendments) Regulations 2026

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

3.3 SL(6)733 – The Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Wales) (Amendments relating to Minimum Revenue Provision) Regulations 2026

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

3.4 SL(6)737 – The Adoption Support Services (Adoption Support Agencies) (Wales) Regulations 2026

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

3.5 SL(6)740 – The Fostering Panels and Care Planning (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2026

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

3.6 SL(6)725 – The Land Transaction Tax and Anti-avoidance of Devolved Taxes (Wales) Act 2017 (Amendments to Schedule 5) Regulations 2026

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

3.7 SL(6)728 – The Land Transaction Tax (Modification of Relief for Acquisitions Involving Multiple Dwellings) (Wales) Regulations 2026

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

3.8 SL(6)736 – The Building Safety Act 2022 (Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2026

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

3.9 SL(6)739 – The Waste Separation Requirements (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

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

3.10 SL(6)741 – The Higher Education (Fee Limits) (Wales) Regulations 2026

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

4 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Senedd under Standing Order 21.7 – previously considered

4.1 SL(6)688 – School Organisation Code

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

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

5.1 SL(6)715 – The Regulated Services (Registration) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

5.2 SL(6)697 – The Council Tax (Alteration of Lists and Appeals) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2025

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

5.3 SL(6)720 – The Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2026

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

5.4 SL(6)727 – The Closure of European Union Legacy Agriculture Schemes (Wales) Regulations 2026

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

5.5 SL(6)729 – The Non-Domestic Rating (Artificial Avoidance Arrangements) (Local Lists) (Wales) Regulations 2026

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

5.6 SL(6)730 – The Renting Homes (Model Written Statements of Contract) (Wales) (Amendments etc.) Regulations 2026

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

6 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

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

The Committee received notifications from the Welsh Government in relation to a number of Inter-Ministerial groups:

- letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government in relation to a meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group for Elections and Registration;
- letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to a meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee;
- Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip and the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership in relation to a meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group on Work and Pensions; and
- letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip and the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership in relation to the meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group on Work and Pensions.

6.2 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Chemicals (Health and Safety) (Amendment, Consequential and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2026

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

7 Papers to note

7.1 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government to the Local Government and Housing Committee: Evaluation report of the Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) pilots

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

7.2 Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government: Publication of draft Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill

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

7.3 Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to the Member Accountability Bill Committee: Financial resolution for the Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to the Member Accountability Bill Committee.

7.4 Correspondence from the Welsh Government: Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Welsh Government.

7.5 Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to Adam Price MS: Proposed removal of urban development corporation planning powers

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to Adam Price MS.

7.6 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 Public Office (Accountability) Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Welsh Government.

7.7 Correspondence to the Cabinet Secretary for Education: The Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

The Committee formally noted its outgoing correspondence to the Cabinet Secretary for Education.

7.8 Correspondence from the Greyhound Board of Great Britain to the Chair of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee: The Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Greyhound Board of Great Britain to the Chair of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee.

7.9 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.

7.10 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Welsh Government's response to the Committees report on the Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill

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

7.11 Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery: The Welsh Government's response to the Committees report on the Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery.

8 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting

The motion was agreed.

9 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill: Draft report

The Committee agreed its draft report.

10 International agreements

Alun Davies MS gave his apologies for this item. The Committee received a briefing on International agreements, and agreed to consider a draft report at a future meeting.

11 Any other business

The Committee agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language in relation to a Welsh Government response to the Committee's report on the Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill.