

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 7 May 2020

Meeting time: 13.30 – 16.00

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Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Assembly Members: | Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Andrew RT Davies MS Llyr Gruffydd MS Neil Hamilton MS Jenny Rathbone MS Joyce Watson MS |
| Witnesses: | Lesley Griffiths MS, Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs Gian Marco Currado, Director Environment and Marine Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer John Howells, Director, Climate Change, Energy and Planning Dean Medcraft, Director, Finance and Operations Keith Smyton, Head of Food Division |
| Committee Staff: | Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) |



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| | Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk) Elfyn Henderson (Researcher) Katy Orford (Researcher) |
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the first virtual meeting of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee.

1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 34.19, the Chair stated that he had determined that the public were excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health.

1.3 The Chair stated that if for any reason he dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Jenny Rathbone MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

2 COVID 19: Evidence session with the Welsh Government

2.1 Members questioned the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs and her officials about Covid-19, its impact on the agriculture sector, food supply and animal welfare, and her department's response to the pandemic.

3 Paper to Note

3.1 The Committee noted the paper.

3.1 Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs on the Legislative Consent Memorandum in relation to the UK Fisheries Bill

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

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Covid-19: Consideration of evidence received under item 2

5.1 Members considered the evidence heard during the scrutiny session. They agreed to write to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to request further information on some of the issues raised during the session.

6 Discussion on the Committee's forward work programme

6.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its Forward Work Programme.

7 Consideration of the Committee's draft report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum in relation to the UK Agriculture Bill

7.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its draft report, subject to a minor amendment.