

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 17 September 2020

Meeting time: 13.30 – 16.00

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Janet Finch-Saunders 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, Welsh Government Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer, Welsh Government John Howells, Welsh Government Dean Medcraft, Welsh Government Tim Render, Welsh Government Lesley Griffiths MS



Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk) Katy Orford (Researcher) Craig Griffiths (Legal Adviser)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the 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: Scrutiny session with the Welsh Government

2.1 Members questioned the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs and her officials about Covid-19 and her department's response to date to the pandemic.

3 COVID-19: Continuation of scrutiny session with the Welsh Government

3.1 Members continued to question the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs and her officials about the impact of Covid-19 and her department's response to date to the pandemic.

4 Paper(s) to note

4.1 The papers were noted.

- 4.1 Correspondence from the Chair to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs following the scrutiny session at the Committee's meeting on 9 July 2020
- 4.2 Correspondence from Natural Resources Wales following evidence session at the Committee's meeting of 9 July 2020
- 4.3 Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs – Informed purchasing and Animal Welfare (Dog Breeding) (Wales) Regulations 2014.
- 4.4 Welsh Government response to letter from the Chair relating to the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the UK Fisheries Bill
- 4.5 Welsh Government response to the Committee's report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the UK Environment Bill
- 4.6 Welsh Government response to the Committee's report on the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Agriculture Bill
- 4.7 Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs on the Basic payment scheme and rural support legislative framework from 2021
- 4.8 Correspondence between the Chair Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs on the Agriculture Wages (Wales) Order 2020
- 4.9 Correspondence between the Chair and the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs on the UK Emissions Trading Scheme
- 4.10 Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to the Chair Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee on the UK Emissions Trading Scheme

4.11 Correspondence from the Chair, Finance Committee on the Welsh Government's draft budget 2021 –22

4.12 Correspondence from David Hughes in relation to gene editing

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and from the meeting on 24 September 2020

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 COVID-19: Consideration of evidence received under items 2 and 3

6.1 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.

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

7.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its draft report.

8 Consideration of the Committee's draft Forward Work Programme

8.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its Forward Work Programme.