

Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 22 November 2021

Meeting time: 13.30 – 16.39

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Huw Irranca-Davies MS (Chair) Rhys ab Owen MS Alun Davies MS Peter Fox MS
Witnesses:	Rt. Hon. Lord Thomas of Cwmgledd
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk) Lucy Valsamidis (Researcher) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser) Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser) Aled Evans (Legal Adviser)

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

There were no apologies or substitutions.



2 The Commission on Justice in Wales report: Evidence session with Lord Thomas

The Committee received evidence from Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd.

3 Instruments that raise no reporting issues under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3

The Committee considered the instruments and was content.

- 3.1 SL(6)073 – The Corporate Joint Committees (Amendment of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015) Regulations 2021
- 3.2 SL(6)074 – The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (Meaning of Public Body) (Wales) Regulations 2021
- 3.3 SL(6)075 – The Equality Act 2010 (Authorities subject to a duty regarding Socio-economic Inequalities) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2021
- 3.4 SL(6)076 – The Child Poverty Strategy (Corporate Joint Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2021
- 3.22 SL(6)078 – The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 (Public Authorities subject to the Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty) Regulations 2021
- 3.6 SL(6)079 – The Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 (Amendment to the List of Welsh Authorities) Regulations 2021
- 3.7 SL(6)080 – The Corporate Joint Committees (General) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2021
- 3.8 SL(6)081 – The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (Meaning of Public Body) (Wales) Regulations 2021
- 4 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Senedd under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3
 - 4.1 SL(6)077 – The Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015 (Amendment) Regulations 2021

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

5 Papers to note

5.1 Correspondence from the First Minister: British–Irish Council Summit in Wales

The Committee noted the letter from the First Minister.

5.2 Correspondence from the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership: Welsh Government response to the Committee's report on the Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Armed Forces Bill

The Committee noted the response from the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership to its report on the Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Armed Forces Bill, and that the Plenary debate in relation to the LCMs was scheduled for 23 November.

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

The Committee agreed the motion.

7 Commission on Justice in Wales report – consideration of evidence

The Committee discussed the evidence received during its session with Lord Thomas, and to further consider key matters raised during the session when approaching its future work on justice.

8 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill – consideration of draft report

The Committee considered and agreed its draft report on the Welsh Government's Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill. The Committee noted the report would be laid by the required deadline.

9 Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Skills and Post–16 Education Bill – consideration of draft report

The Committee considered and agreed its draft report on the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Skills and Post–16 Education Bill. The Committee noted the report would be laid by the required deadline.

10 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill – consideration of draft report

The Committee considered its draft report on the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill. The Committee agreed to consider a revised version of the report at the next meeting.

11 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Health and Care Bill – consideration of draft report

The Committee considered and agreed its draft report on the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Health and Care Bill. The Committee noted that the report would be laid by the required deadline.

12 Common frameworks: Public Health Protection and Health Security Framework

The Committee noted the Public Health Protection and Health Security Framework.

13 Engagement proposal – Access to Justice

The Committee considered and agreed its initial approach to engagement ahead of a potential inquiry into access to justice.