

# Concise Minutes – Petitions Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	David J Rowlands AM (Chair) Janet Finch–Saunders AM Mike Hedges AM
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk) Kayleigh Imperato (Deputy Clerk) Kath Thomas (Deputy Clerk) Jonathan Baxter (Researcher) Lisa Salkeld (Legal Adviser)

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies.



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## **2 New petitions**

### **2.1 P-05-775 Put an End to the Cross Border and Sub-contracting Taxi Licensing Loophole**

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure to share the views of the petitioners, including the suggestion that journeys should be required to start or end in the area the vehicle and driver are licensed in, and request an update on the views in relation to cross-border and sub-contracting licensing received through the recent consultation.

### **2.2 P-05-777 Application of the Automatic Fire Suppression Systems Legislation within the current Building Regulations for Wales.**

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs to ask whether, and when, the Welsh Government intends to review the impact of the 2013 legislation and its applicability to projects of the type described by the petitioner.

### **2.3 P-05-779 Compulsory scanning of domestic pets for microchips by councils**

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs to ask if she will consider the petitioner's proposal for the Welsh Government to introduce a requirement to scan recovered pet carcasses and notify owners in new contracts for waste services, or issuing further guidance to local authorities on this issue.

### **2.4 P-05-780 Reopen Carno Station**

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure to highlight the concerns of the petitioners and ask for a response to their call for the Welsh Government to return to the previous policy of allocating its own budget to the development of new stations in Wales.

### **3 Updates to previous petitions**

#### **3.1 P-05-762 Move the Welsh Assembly out of Cardiff**

The Committee agreed to close the petition, given that it is difficult to identify how the Committee could take the petition forward in the absence of contact from the petitioner.

#### **3.2 P-04-522 Asbestos in Schools**

The Committee considered correspondence from the petitioner and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Education to ask:

- whether and how the Welsh Government intends to share the results of its data collection into schools with asbestos plans; and
- for an update on when the Asbestos in Schools Working Group will be holding discussions to consider recent developments in England and their applicability to schools in Wales.

#### **3.3 P-05-707 Teachers' Training Must Include Statutory Training in Autism**

The Committee agreed to close the petition, given the previous satisfaction expressed by the petitioner and the fact that no further responses have recently been received.

#### **3.4 P-05-735 Make the foundation phase more effective for our children, provide more teachers and abolish yr 2 Sats.**

The Committee agreed to close the petition, given that it is difficult to identify how the Committee could take the petition forward in the absence of contact from the petitioner.

### **3.5 P-05-752 Building Resilience To Cyber-Bullying In Children**

The Committee agreed to close the petition, given that it is difficult to identify how the Committee could take the petition forward in the absence of contact from the petitioner, and the comprehensive response previously provided by the Cabinet Secretary for Education.

### **3.6 P-04-663 Food in Welsh Hospitals**

The Committee agreed to close the petition following the detailed consideration of hospital catering and patient nutrition carried out by the Public Accounts Committee, and given the satisfaction expressed by the petitioner.

### **3.7 P-05-693 Give Every Child in Wales the Meningitis B**

The Committee agreed to close the petition, given that it is difficult to identify how the Committee could take the petition forward in the absence of contact from the petitioner.

### **3.8 P-05-768 A call for the return of 24 hour Consultant led Obstetrics, Paediatrics and SCBU to Withybush DGH**

The Committee considered correspondence from Hywel Dda Health Board along with further comments from the petitioner and agreed to write to the Health Board to request their response to latest concerns raised the petitioner, and request details of how often the Dedicated Ambulance Vehicle has been used for the emergency transfer of women and children from Withybush to Glangwili Hospital.

### **3.10 P-05-772 No to Flint Castle's planned Iron Ring**

The Committee considered correspondence from the petitioner and agree to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure to ask for confirmation that the proposed Iron Ring sculpture will not now be included as part of the planned

investment at Flint Castle, and query the discrepancy between the contents of his letter to the Committee of 20 September and the press statement issued on 7 September.

### **3.9 P-05-721 Penegoes Speed Limit Petition**

The Committee discussed the petition in light of the petitioners request for an update and agree to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure to ask for further details on the timescales for the Speed Limit Review.

#### **3.11 P-05-746 Free School Transport for All Children in Wales**

The Committee agreed to close the petition, given that it is difficult to identify how the Committee could take the petition forward in the absence of contact from the petitioner.

#### **3.12 P-05-745 Increased provision for off road motorsports**

The Committee agreed to close the petition, given that it is difficult to identify how the Committee could take the petition forward in the absence of contact from the petitioner.

## **4 Paper to note**

The paper was noted.

## **5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and the start of the meeting on 7 November 2017**

The motion was agreed.

## **6 Consideration of summary – P-04-564 Restoration of Inpatient Beds, Minor Injuries Cover and X-Ray Unit to the Ffestiniog Memorial Hospital**

The Committee considered a summary of the history of its consideration of the petition and agreed to consider a revised version at a future meeting.