

Concise Minutes – Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Friday, 3 July 2020

Meeting time: 09.00 – 11.28

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Ann Jones MS (Chair) Mick Antoniw MS Jayne Bryant MS Janet Finch–Saunders MS Russell George MS John Griffiths MS Llyr Gruffydd MS Mike Hedges MS Dai Lloyd MS Lynne Neagle MS Nick Ramsay MS David Rees MS Caroline Jones MS Helen Mary Jones MS
Witnesses:	Simon Brindle, Welsh Government



	<p>Tracey Burke, Welsh Government</p> <p>Dr Andrew Goodall, Welsh Government</p> <p>Mark Drakeford MS, First Minister of Wales</p> <p>Jeremy Miles MS, Counsel General and Minister for European Transition</p> <p>Andrew Slade, Welsh Government</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Graeme Francis (Clerk)</p> <p>Mared Llwyd (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Ross Davies (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Matthew Richards (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Lucy Morgan (Secretariat)</p>

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

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

There were no apologies or declarations of interest.

2 The Welsh Government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and recovery

The Committee scrutinised the First Minister on the Welsh Government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and future recovery plans.

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:

The motion was agreed.

4 Discussion of previous evidence session

The Committee discussed the evidence from the previous sessions and agreed to write to the First Minister to seek further information about a number of outstanding issues.

5 Future meeting arrangements

The Committee agreed to hold an increased number of meetings in the autumn term in order to facilitate ongoing scrutiny of the Welsh Government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Committee agreed to schedule two meetings of the full Committee with the First Minister, as well as two meetings attended by a sub-group of the Committee's membership with the Counsel General in respect of his responsibilities to oversee Covid recovery work.