

Concise Minutes – Llywydd’s Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Friday, 6 November 2020

Meeting time: Times Not Specified

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Ann Jones MS (Chair) Suzy Davies MS Llyr Gruffydd MS Dai Lloyd MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	Dame Elan Closs Stephens CBE, Electoral Commission Bob Posner, Electoral Commission Kieran Rix, Electoral Commission Rhydian Thomas, Electoral Commission
Committee Staff:	Huw Gapper (Clerk) Daniel Collier (Deputy Clerk) Lisa Salkeld (Legal Adviser) Christian Tipples (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the first meeting of the Llywydd’s Committee.

- 1.2 There were no apologies or declarations of interest.
- 1.3 Standing Orders do not enable the Llywydd's Committee to elect a temporary Chair, therefore the Committee agreed that, should the Chair experience technical difficulties during the meeting, Llyr Gruffydd would lead discussions in her absence.

2 Scrutiny of the Electoral Commission's financial estimate 2021/22 and five-year plan

- 2.1 The Chair welcomed the Electoral Commission to the meeting and thanked them for submitting their financial estimate for the financial year 2021–22 and five-year plan on 1 October.
- 2.2 The Committee scrutinised the Electoral Commission on their financial estimate for 2021–22 and their five-year Corporate plan.
- 2.3 The Committee noted the report from the Comptroller and Auditor General in accordance with paragraph 16C(2)(b) of Schedule 1 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.
- 2.4 The Committee noted the letter from the First Minister on the estimate and plan as part of the consultation required under paragraph 16A(8)(b) of Schedule 1 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.

Action:

- The Electoral Commission agreed to provide further evidence on their rationale for including depreciation in the estimate.

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

- 3.1 The motion to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting under Standing Order 17.42(ix) was agreed.

4 Scrutiny of the Electoral Commission's financial estimate 2021/22 and five year plan: Consideration of evidence

4.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

5 Paper to note

5.1 The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitutional Committee.