

Concise Minutes – Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Monday, 16 March 2020

Meeting time: 10.00 – 11.18

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Dawn Bowden AM (Chair) Huw Irranca-Davies AM Dai Lloyd AM David J Rowlands AM
Witnesses:	Professor Roger Awan-Scully, Wales Governance Centre Jessica Blair, Electoral Reform Society Cymru
Committee Staff:	Helen Finlayson (Clerk) Stephen Aldhouse (Second Clerk) Gerallt Roberts (Deputy Clerk) Gareth Pembridge (Legal Adviser) Tom Lewis-White (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting; there were no apologies.



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2 Electoral systems and boundaries: oral evidence

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The papers were noted.

3.1 Responses to the Committee's consultation on electoral systems and boundaries

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.22 to elect a temporary Chair for the meeting on 20 April 2020

4.1 The motion was withdrawn.

5 Motion under Standing Orders 17.42(vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Electoral systems and boundaries: consideration of evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

7 Capacity of the Assembly: approach to consultation

7.1 The Committee agreed the approach to its consultation as part of its inquiry into the capacity of the Assembly.

8 Electing a more diverse Assembly: inquiry update

8.1 The Committee considered evidence received in relation to its inquiry into the diversity of the Assembly.

8.2 The Committee considered and agreed to publish a written note of issues raised during its stakeholder discussion event on the diversity of the Assembly on 10 February 2020.

9 Forward work programme

9.1 The Committee considered its forward work programme for the remainder of the term.

9.2 In light of the COVID-19 pandemic the Committee agreed to postpone its planned visit to Edinburgh, and to consider in due course what other changes might be needed to the forward work programme.