

# Concise Minutes – Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference – Via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 22 October  
2020

Meeting time: 13.01 – 16.03

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mick Antoniw MS Jayne Bryant MS Janet Finch–Saunders MS Russell George MS John Griffiths MS Llyr Gruffydd MS Mike Hedges MS Lynne Neagle MS Nick Ramsay MS David Rees MS (Temporary Chair) Helen Mary Jones MS
Witnesses:	Des Clifford, Welsh Government Mark Drakeford MS, First Minister of Wales Simon Jones, Welsh Government



	<p>Liz Lalley, Welsh Government</p> <p>Jeremy Miles MS, Counsel General and Minister for European Transition</p> <p>Ken Skates MS, Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales</p> <p>Lee Waters MS, Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Graeme Francis (Clerk)</p> <p>Mared Llwyd (Second Clerk)</p>

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

The Chair Ann Jones MS sent her apologies. David Rees MS was appointed as temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22 for the duration of the meeting.

The temporary Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Dai Lloyd MS. There were no declarations of interest.

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

## 2 Ministerial Scrutiny Session

### 2.1 Covid-19 recovery and reconstruction

The Committee scrutinised the Counsel General on the Welsh Government's plans for recovery and reconstruction from the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **3 Ministerial Scrutiny Session**

#### **3.1 Future of Rail Services**

The Committee scrutinised the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales on the Future of Rail Services following his written [statement](#) issued on 22 October 2020.

### **4 Ministerial Scrutiny Session**

#### **4.1 Covid-19**

#### **4.2 Brexit and European Transition**

The Committee scrutinised the First Minister on the current actions being taken in relation to Covid-19 and the implications of Brexit and European Transition for Wales.

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

The motion was agreed.

### **6 Discussion of previous evidence sessions**

The Committee discussed the evidence received during the previous evidence sessions.