

Concise Minutes – Petitions Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Tuesday, 6 February 2018

Meeting time: 09.03 – 10.59

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	David J Rowlands AM (Chair) Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Janet Finch–Saunders AM Mike Hedges AM Neil McEvoy AM
Witnesses:	Vaughan Gething AM, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services Chris Jones, Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Wales, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk) Kayleigh Imperato (Deputy Clerk) Kath Thomas (Deputy Clerk)

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-05-798 Male domestic violence victim support services to be independently run & funded

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to await the views of the petitioner on the response from the Leader of the House before considering further action on the petition.

2.2 P-05-799 Change the National Curriculum and teach Welsh history, from a Welsh perspective, in our Primary, Secondary and Sixth form Schools

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to Invite the petitioner and Dr Elin Jones to an oral evidence session on the petition prior to considering the possibility of a debate further.

2.3 P-05-800 Urgent Appeal for a Welsh Veterans Commissioner for the Health & Wellbeing of Wounded, Injured, Sick and Homeless veterans

The Committee considered the petition for the first time and agreed to await the views of the petitioner on the response from the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services before considering further action on the petition.

3 Updates to previous petitions

3.1 P-04-408 Child and Adolescent Eating Disorder Service

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to maintain a watching brief during the eating disorder review being carried out until autumn 2018 and await further updates on progress before considering whether or not to take any further action.

3.2 P-04-505 Eating Disorder Unit in Wales

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to maintain a watching brief during the eating disorder review being carried out until autumn 2018 and await further updates on progress before considering whether or not to take any further action.

3.3 P-05-754 Lack of support for children with disabilities at crisis

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to Cwm Taf Health Board to ask for their response to the petition and for information about:

- the resources allocated to CAMHS services, including for crisis support; and
- the access that children with disabilities have to CAMHS crisis support.

3.4 P-05-761 Demand Funding from the Welsh Government to Support Autism Spectrum Connections Cymru

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to write to:

- the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services to ask for further information about the decision-making process behind the development and roll-out of the national Integrated Autism Service and why a tender process was not conducted; and
- Cardiff and Vale Regional Partnership Board to ask for details of the process undertaken in rolling out the Integrated Autism Service locally, and how the Service is working with Autism Spectrum Connections Cymru.

3.5 P-05-771 Reconsider the closure of the Welsh Independent Living Grant and support disabled people to live independently

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to pass the petitioner's comments to the Minister for Children and Social Care and ask for:

- his response to the concerns raised over the ability of some local authorities to adequately provide the support that people with disabilities require to live independently; and
- details of the monitoring being undertaken in relation to local authorities' implementation of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

3.6 P-05-753 Strengthening the Legislative and Regulatory Framework Surrounding Waste Wood Processing Facilities

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to:

- ask Natural Resources Wales for further details of the processes they undertake when operators breach their licence conditions, as requested by the petitioner; and
- write to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Planning and Rural Affairs to ask for information about plans for future public consultation on Environmental Permitting Regulations, as referred to by NRW.

3.7 P-05-785 Suspend Marine Licence 12/45/ML to dump radioactive marine sediments from the Hinkley Point nuclear site into Wales coastal waters off Cardiff

Neil McEvoy declared the following relevant interest under Standing Order 17.24A:

He is a Cardiff Councillor and attended a recent Council meeting at which the issue was considered.

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to await the following information before agreeing any further action on the petition:

- an update from NRW in relation to whether additional sampling at depth will be carried out on the material to be dredged;
- the results of the radiation dose analysis being conducted by Cefas on the samples taken in 2009;
- details of any further studies in relation to the Severn Estuary; and
- further analysis from the petitioners.

3.8 P-05-786 Save our Countryside – Revise TAN 1

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and agreed to provide the detailed comments from the petitioner to the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs for her consideration, and ask for a response in particular to the suggestions made by the petitioner about possible alternative approaches to calculating land supply.

3.9 P-05-740 Petition to Protect our High Street

The Committee considered correspondence on the petition and, in light of the Welsh Government's announcement of a permanent small business rates relief scheme to be in place from 1 April 2018, agreed to give the petitioner a further opportunity to comment before the next meeting on 27 February and to close the petition if no response is received.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for items 5 and 7 of today's agenda

The motion was agreed.

5 Forward Work Planning

The Committee considered the Forward Work Programme and agreed the scheduling of future evidence sessions.

In relation to P-05-751 Recognition of Parental Alienation, the Committee agreed to invite CAF/CASS Cymru and the Minister for Children and Social Care to give evidence to a future meeting, and to seek written evidence on the petition from a number of other organisations.

6 Evidence session – P-04-682 Routine Screening for Type 1 Diabetes in Children and Young People

The Committee heard evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services and Chris Jones, Welsh Government.

7 Discussion of Previous Evidence Session

The Committee considered the evidence received on P-04-682 Routine Screening for Type 1 Diabetes in Children and Young People and agreed to produce a report on the petition.