

# Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Thursday, 10 December 2020

Meeting time: 13.30 – 16.00

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Janet Finch-Saunders MS Llyr Gruffydd MS Neil Hamilton MS Jenny Rathbone MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Gian Marco Currado, Welsh Government Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer, Welsh Government Lesley Griffiths MS Tim Render, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk)



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

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 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.

1.3 The Chair stated that if for any reason he dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Jenny Rathbone MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

## **2 Covid-19 and Transition from the European Union: Scrutiny session with the Welsh Government**

2.1 Members questioned the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs and her officials on the Welsh Government's response to date to the Covid-19 pandemic, and on European Union transition arrangements.

## **3 Covid-19 and Transition from the European Union: Continuation of scrutiny session with the Welsh Government**

3.1 Members continued to question the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs and her officials on the Welsh Government's response to date to the Covid-19 pandemic, and on European Union transition arrangements.

## **4 Paper(s) to note**

4.1 The papers were noted.

- 4.1 Correspondence from the Minister for Housing and Local Government in relation to Future Wales – the national plan 2040**
- 4.2 Written submission from National Farmers' Union (NFU) Cymru in relation to biodiversity and rewilding**
- 4.3 Correspondence from the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs regarding a statement of objection to proposed net licence duties 2021–2023**
- 4.4 Correspondence from Natural Resources Wales in relation to the Tan Lan Embankment**
- 5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**
  - 5.1 The motion was agreed.
- 6 Covid–19 and Transition from the European Union: Consideration of evidence received under items 2 and 3**
  - 6.1 Members considered the evidence heard during the scrutiny sessions. They agreed to write to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to request further information on some of the issues raised during the sessions.