

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 21 January 2021

Meeting time: 13.30 – 16.30

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Janet Finch–Saunders MS Llyr Gruffydd MS Jenny Rathbone MS
Witnesses:	Tim Smith, Trade and Agriculture Commission John Davies, National Farmers Union (NFU) Cymru Glyn Roberts, Farmers Union of Wales Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer, Welsh Government Ifan Lloyd, British Veterinary Association Grace O'Gorman, National Office of Animal Health Ltd
Committee Staff:	Elizabeth Wilkinson (Clerk) Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk) Elfyn Henderson (Researcher)



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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.

1.4 Apologies were received from Joyce Watson MS and Neil Hamilton MS.

2 Discussion with the Trade and Agriculture Commission

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Chair and members of the Trade and Agriculture Commission.

3 Animal health and disease prevention – evidence session 1

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Chief Veterinary Officer; National Office of Animal Health (NOAH) Ltd; and the British Veterinary Association (BVA) Welsh Branch.

4 Paper(s) to note

4.1 The papers were noted.

- 4.1 Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs in relation to the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the UK Environment Bill.
- 4.2 Correspondence between the Chair and Natural Resources Wales in relation to salmon and migratory trout net fishing licence duties 2021–2023
- 4.3 Paper from Ramblers Cymru in relation to the Committee's scrutiny of the Welsh Government draft budget 2021–22
- 4.4 Correspondence from the Scottish Parliament's Local Government and Communities Committee to the Scottish Government in relation to the Hazardous Substances (Planning) Provisional Common Framework
- 4.5 Correspondence between the Chair and Initiative for Nature Conservation Cymru (INCC) in relation to Natural Resources Wales' biodiversity remit
- 4.6 Correspondence to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs in relation to the Committee's legacy work

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 Consideration of discussion with the Trade and Agriculture Commission under item 2

- 6.1 Members considered the information received under item 2.

7 Animal health and disease prevention: Consideration of evidence heard under item 3

7.1 Members considered the evidence heard under item 3.

8 Consideration of the Committee's Forward Work Programme

8.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its Forward Work Programme.