

## Terms of Reference

**Decision sought**

Members are asked to consider and agree the draft terms of reference for the work of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on European Transition.

**Membership:**

- First Minister
- Counsel General and Brexit Minister (Chair)
- Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs;
- Minister for Economy and Transport;
- Minister for Education; and
- Minister for International Relations and Welsh Language.

**Officials attending:**

- Permanent Secretary;
- Director General, Office of the First Minister;
- Director(s), European Transition; and
- Principal Private Secretary to the First Minister.

**Purpose:**

1. The Cabinet Sub-Committee on European Transition will provide strategic direction to the Welsh Government's work aimed at securing the best outcome for the people of Wales on issues arising from the EU referendum outcome. Its title and underlying ethos reflect the Welsh Government's commitment that the UK's exit from the EU should not be seen as Wales turning its back on Europe, but rather a transition in Wales' positive relationship with Europe from one which is currently based primarily on EU architecture to one which is not.
2. In particular, the Cabinet Sub-Committee will ensure:
  - coherent development and implementation of the Welsh Government's strategy on European transition;
  - robust analysis of the challenges and opportunities which Wales faces, as well as priorities and outcomes sought;
  - maximum influence is achieved in negotiations at a UK level, and in turn an EU level, to achieve the best outcome for the people of Wales;
  - provide direction to the Welsh Government's work on preparedness (in particular, on contingency work for 'no deal') and on Brexit related legislation;
  - development of future post-Brexit policy, including UK frameworks; and

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- effective communication and engagement with stakeholders across Wales and beyond to help lead the debate on Wales' future relationship with Europe and the rest of the world.
- 3. Other Ministers will be invited to attend for relevant agenda items. Any additional agenda items for discussion are to be agreed with the Counsel General in advance. Meetings will be held on a monthly basis, in support of the weekly Cabinet deliberations on Brexit related matters, but will be kept under review.

**Mark Drakeford AM  
First Minister  
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