



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

PUBLICATION, DOCUMENT

Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales meeting: 19 January 2023

Minutes of the commission's meeting on 19 January 2023.

First published: 22 January 2024

Last updated: 22 January 2024

This document was downloaded from GOV.WALES and may not be the latest version.

Go to <https://www.gov.wales/independent-commission-on-the-constitutional-future-of-wales-meeting-19-january-2023-html> for the latest version.

Get [information on copyright](#).

Contents

Present

Welcome

Gordon Brown and Jim Gallagher

Darren Millar

AOB

This document was downloaded from GOV.WALES and may not be the latest version.

Go to <https://www.gov.wales/independent-commission-on-the-constitutional-future-of-wales-meeting-19-january-2023-html> for the latest version.

Get [information on copyright](#).

Present

Co-chairs

- Laura McAllister
- Rowan Williams

Commission members

- Anwen Elias
- Miguela Gonzalez
- Lauren McEvatt
- Albert Owen
- Shavanah Taj
- Leanne Wood

Expert Panel

Gareth Williams

Item 2

- Rt Hon Gordon Brown
- Professor Jim Gallagher
- Scott Dickson

This document was downloaded from GOV.WALES and may not be the latest version.

Go to <https://www.gov.wales/independent-commission-on-the-constitutional-future-of-wales-meeting-19-january-2023-html> for the latest version.

Get [information on copyright](#).

Item 3

- Darren Millar MS, Chief Whip and Shadow Minister for the Constitution and North Wales, Welsh Conservatives

Secretariat

- Gareth Morgan, Deputy Director and Head of Secretariat
- Heulwen Vaughan, Commission Secretary
- Carys Evans, Adviser
- Ruth Leggett, Head of Communications and Engagement
- Tessa Hajilambi, Office Manager
- Rod Hough, Office Manager

Apologies

- Michael Marmot
- Philip Rycroft
- Kirsty Williams

Item 1: Welcome from the co-chairs

1. The co-chairs welcomed commissioners and discussed the agenda.

This document was downloaded from GOV.WALES and may not be the latest version.

Go to <https://www.gov.wales/independent-commission-on-the-constitutional-future-of-wales-meeting-19-january-2023-html> for the latest version.

Get [information on copyright](#).

Item 2: Rt Hon Gordon Brown and Professor Jim Gallagher

2. The co-chairs welcomed Gordon Brown, Professor Jim Gallagher and Scott Dickson.

3. Gordon Brown outlined the background to his report, and its role in the Labour Party's policy making process. A core message was constitutional reform as a mechanism for securing stronger and more equitable economic growth across the UK.

4. On the Welsh settlement, the report noted that, in principle, any matters devolved to Scotland could be devolved to Wales. It signalled the work of the Independent Commission in relation to justice and policing.

Item 3: Darren Millar MS, Welsh Conservatives

5. The co-chairs welcomed Darren Millar MS, Welsh Conservative Chief Whip and Shadow Minister for the Constitution and North Wales, inviting him to outline his party's observations on the commission's Interim report.

6. Darren Millar felt the interim report captured the range of views across Wales. The Welsh Conservatives believed in a strong union and were opposed to independence, but recognised there was a conversation to be had, which was why his party was engaging with the commission.

This document was downloaded from GOV.WALES and may not be the latest version.

Go to <https://www.gov.wales/independent-commission-on-the-constitutional-future-of-wales-meeting-19-january-2023-html> for the latest version.

Get [information on copyright](#).

Item 4: AOB

7. The co-chairs thanked the members for their contributions.

This document may not be fully accessible.

For more information refer to our [accessibility statement](#).

This document was downloaded from GOV.WALES and may not be the latest version.

Go to <https://www.gov.wales/independent-commission-on-the-constitutional-future-of-wales-meeting-19-january-2023-html> for the latest version.

Get [information on copyright](#).