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Present

- Rt Hon Eluned Morgan MS (Chair)
 - Huw Irranca-Davies MS
 - Jayne Bryant MS
 - Mark Drakeford MS
 - Rebecca Evans MS
 - Jane Hutt MS
 - Julie James MS
 - Jeremy Miles MS
 - Lynne Neagle MS
 - Ken Skates MS
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- Dawn Bowden MS
 - Sarah Murphy MS
 - Vikki Howells MS
 - Jack Sargeant MS

Officials

- Andrew Goodall, Permanent Secretary
- Rachel Garside-Jones, Transition Director Office of the First Minister
- Matthew Hall, Head of Cabinet Division
- Victoria Jones, Principal Private Secretary, First Minister
- Toby Mason, Head of Strategic Communications
- Catrin Sully, Head of Cabinet Office
- Kevin Brennan, Special Adviser
- Sarah Dickins, Special Adviser
- Madeleine Brindley, Special Adviser
- Haf Davies, Special Adviser

- Victoria Evans, Special Adviser
- Sam Hadley, Special Adviser
- David Hooson, Special Adviser
- Kirsty Keenan, Special Adviser
- Philippa Marsden, Special Adviser
- Martha O'Neil, Special Adviser
- Maddie Rees, Special Adviser
- Victoria Solomon, Special Adviser
- Mary Wimbury, Special Adviser
- Christopher W Morgan, Head of Cabinet Secretariat (minutes)
- Damian Roche, Cabinet Secretariat
- Helena Bird, Permanent Secretary's Office
- Kath Hallett, First Minister's office
- Tracey Burke, Director General Climate Change & Rural Affairs
- Sioned Evans, Director General, Education, Culture and Welsh Language
- Tim Moss, Chief Operating Officer
- Judith Paget, Director General Health and Social Services
- Andrew Slade, Director General, Economy, Treasury and Constitution
- Diane Dunning, Deputy Director Legal Services

Item 1: Introduction and minutes of previous meeting

1.1 Cymeradwyodd y Cabinet gofnodion y 30 Medi / Cabinet approved the minutes of 30 September.

Item 2: First Minister's items

Visits to North Wales

2.1 The First Minister reflected on her recent visits to North Wales. The First Minister, along with the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales, had visited Kellanova's Wrexham cereal factory the previous Thursday for the announcement that it would create 130 new skilled jobs and reduce emissions. Later that day the First Minister, along with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, had opened the North Wales Medical School in Bangor.

Council of the Nations and Regions

2.2 The First Minister informed Cabinet that she would be attending the first Council of the Nations and Regions on Friday of that week, which would be chaired by the Prime Minister.

UK Investment Summit

2.3 The following Monday, the First Minister would be attending the International Investment Summit in London. It would be chaired by the Prime Minister, with the Chancellor of the Exchequer in attendance. To accommodate this, the next Cabinet meeting would be moved to Tuesday 15th October.

Anniversary of the 7th October attacks

2.4 The First Minister informed Cabinet that she would be issuing a Written Statement later that afternoon to mark the first anniversary of the appalling

attack by Hamas on Israel, and the ongoing conflict impacting civilians across the Middle East.

Item 3: Senedd business

3.1 Cabinet considered the Plenary grid and noted there were no votes scheduled for Tuesday and voting time would be around 6.25pm on Wednesday.

Item 4: Any other business

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service

4.1 The Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government informed Cabinet that she would be issuing a Written Statement the following day to coincide with the publication of a report from the Chief Fire and Rescue Advisor and Inspector for Wales, about the effectiveness with which the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service fought dwelling fires. Technical briefings would also be provided where appropriate in order to support informed discussion.

Cabinet Secretariat
October 2024

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