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Minutes of the commission's meeting on 7 September 2023.

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**Michael Gove MP**

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# Present

## Co-chairs

- Rowan Williams
- Laura McAllister

## Commission members

- Anwen Elias
- Lauren McEvatt
- Michael Marmot
- Albert Owen
- Philip Rycroft
- Kirsty Williams
- Leanne Wood

## Item 2

- Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations
- Zainab Agha (Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities)
- Charlotte Bransgrove (Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities)
- Jason Bridgewater (Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities)
- Huw Bryer (Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities)
- Henry Newman (Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities)

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## Secretariat

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- Carys Evans, Adviser
- Ruth Leggett, Head of Communications and Engagement
- Rhiannon Perkins
- Tessa Hajilambi, Office Manager
- Rod Hough, Office Manager

## Apologies

- Michael Marmot
- Kirsty Williams
- Gareth Williams, Expert Panel
- Heulwen Mai Vaughan
- Victoria Martin

## Item 1: Welcome from the co-chairs

1. The co-chairs welcomed the commissioners to the meeting, and noted the apologies.

## Item 2: meeting with the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations

2. The co-chairs welcomed to the meeting the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations. The discussion which followed covered: inter-governmental relations; justice; the Barnett formula; rail funding; the Crown Estate; the Mayoral model; and the future of Wales as part of the United Kingdom.

3. The co-chairs thanked the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations.

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