

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet on 6 June 2017

Present:

- Rt. Hon. Carwyn Jones AM, First Minister (Chair)
 - Mark Drakeford AM
 - Vaughan Gething AM
 - Lesley Griffiths AM
 - Jane Hutt AM
 - Carl Sargeant AM
 - Ken Skates AM
 - Kirsty Williams AM
 - Mick Antoniw AM
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- Shan Morgan, Permanent Secretary
 - Des Clifford, Office of the First Minister and Cabinet Office
 - Peter Greening, Head of Cabinet Division
 - Matt Greenough, Special Adviser
 - Madeleine Brindley, Special Adviser
 - David Costa, Special Adviser
 - Andrew Johnson, Special Adviser
 - Jane Runeckles, Special Adviser
 - Tom Woodward, Special Adviser
 - Christopher W Morgan Cabinet, Plenary and Committee Secretariat (minutes)
 - Damian Roche, Cabinet, Plenary and Committee Secretariat

Item 1: Minutes of the previous meeting

1.1 Cabinet approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

Item 2: First Minister's items

UEFA Champions League Finals

2.1 The First Minister commended all those who had been involved in preparing for the UEFA Champions League Finals, which had taken place in Cardiff the previous week. The events were exceptionally well managed and demonstrated that the Welsh Government and its partners had the capability to handle such large and prestigious occasions.

2.2 The world-wide publicity for Wales was well worth the investment.

London terrorist attack

2.3 The First Minister informed Cabinet that there would be one minute silence at 11am that morning in remembrance of the victims of the terrorist attack in London on Saturday night. The UK's National Security Adviser was keeping the First Minister informed of developments.

Item 3: Government Plenary Business

3.1 Cabinet discussed Plenary business scheduled for that afternoon and agreed that the items on Children First and Cavity Wall Insulation should be converted into written statements and the debate on the School Nursing Framework should be withdrawn.

3.2 It was noted that the First Minister would be invited to make a short statement about the London terrorist attack at the start of Plenary.

Item 4: Legislative Programme Review

4.1 The First Minister introduced the paper, which asked Cabinet to agree to the proposed changes to the legislative programme.

4.2 The purpose of the review had been to assess the progress and status of the Bills in the expected second and provisional third years of the legislative programme and consider any changes to priorities.

4.3 This exercise had resulted in seven recommendations. The first three proposed changes to year two of the legislative programme, including the delaying of three Bills and the inclusion of two new proposals. Recommendations four and five concerned changes to year three and the final two related to the ongoing management of the five year programme, not least to enable the Government to respond to the implications of Brexit.

4.4 In terms of the Removal of the Defence of Reasonable Punishment Bill (RDRP), which was also originally scheduled for year two, there was a need for further consideration of the legal advice obtained from external counsel.

4.5 The Government was now planning to consult on the proposed way forward in year two, with a view to introducing legislation in year three.

4.6 Cabinet welcomed the paper and acknowledged that the Government was fully committed to introducing RDRP legislation.

4.7 Cabinet approved the paper.