The Welsh Government
Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on European Transition
10 April 2019

Present: Jeremy Miles AM (Chair)
Rt Hon. Mark Drakeford AM
Lesley Griffiths AM
Eluned Morgan AM
Kirsty Williams AM

Rebecca Evans AM
Jane Hutt AM
Lee Waters AM

Des Clifford, Director General, Office of the First Minister
Carys Evans, Principal Private Secretary to the First Minister
Piers Bisson, Director, European Transition
Simon Brindle, Director, Brexit Strategy
Georgina Haarhoff, Deputy Director, European Transition (Policy)
Diane Dunning, Deputy Director Legal Services
Toby Mason, Head of Strategic Communications
Gareth Williams, Special Adviser
Andrew Johnson, Special Adviser
Tom Woodward, Special Adviser
Damian Roche, Cabinet, Plenary and Committee Secretariat (minutes)
Sophie Jones, Cabinet Secretariat
Andrew Jeffreys, Director Welsh Treasury
Reg Kilpatrick, Director Local Government
Liz Lalley, Deputy Director, European Transition (Preparedness)
Ed Sherriff, Deputy Director, European Transition (Negotiations)
Leon Griffiths, Head of Communications, European Transition
Tom Nicholls, Economic Adviser
Peredur John, European Transition team

Apologies: Ken Skates AM

Item 1: Minutes of the Previous Meeting

1.1. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Item 2: Update on Developments

2.1 The Counsel General and Brexit Minister updated the Sub-Committee on the latest developments in Westminster.

2.2 The First Minister had met separately with the Prime Minister and the Scottish First Minister on Wednesday 3 April, in addition to attending the Shadow Cabinet.

Item 3: Welsh Government No Deal Action

3.1 The Counsel General and Brexit Minister advised the Sub-Committee on the importance of continuing to keep under review actions within their portfolios.

Item 3a: Funding Considerations in the Event of a No Deal Brexit

3.2 The Minister for Finance and Trefnydd introduced the paper, which had been divided into three sections: setting out available funds; costing of Welsh Government actions; and the criteria for funding any interventions in the event of a 'no deal' Brexit.

3.3 The Sub-Committee noted the paper.

Item 4: Next Phase of Negotiations in the UKs Withdrawal from the EU

4.1 The Counsel General and Brexit Minister introduced the paper, which outlined the future role that the Government expected to take in the next phase of the UK's negotiations on withdrawal from the EU.

4.2 Following repeated demands for a more enhanced role in the negotiations, work had been progressed by the four administrations to seek to enable the devolved administrations to play a greater role in the next phase.

4.3 The Cabinet Sub-Committee on EU Transition would retain its strategic coordination and guidance role.

4.4 The Sub-Committee agreed the paper.

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