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# Cabinet meeting: 11 September 2023

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet on 11 September 2023.

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### Present

- Rt. Hon. Mark Drakeford MS (Chair)
- Rebecca Evans MS
- · Vaughan Gething MS
- Lesley Griffiths MS
- Jane Hutt MS
- Julie James MS
- Jeremy Miles MS
- Eluned Morgan MS
- Mick Antoniw MS
- Hannah Blythyn MS
- Dawn Bowden MS
- Julie Morgan MS
- Lynne Neagle MS
- Lee Waters MS

#### Officials

- Des Clifford, Director Office of the First Minister
- Rebecca Dunn, Head of Cabinet Division
- Toby Mason, Head of Strategic Communications
- · Rory Powell, Head of First Minister's Office
- Jane Runeckles, Special Adviser
- Madeleine Brindley, Special Adviser
- Alex Bevan, Special Adviser
- Daniel Butler, Special Adviser
- Ian Butler, Special Adviser
- · Kate Edmunds, Special Adviser
- Sara Faye, Special Adviser

- Sam Hadley, Special Adviser
- David Hooson, Special Adviser
- Clare Jenkins, Special Adviser
- Owen John, Special Adviser
- Phillipa Marsden, Special Adviser
- Tom Woodward, Special Adviser
- Damian Roche, Cabinet Secretariat (minutes)
- · Catrin Sully, Cabinet Office
- Kathryn Hallett, First Minister's Office
- Sarah Wakeling, Legal Services
- Tracey Burke, Director General Climate Change & Rural Affairs
- Jo-anne Daniels, Director General, Education Social Justice & Welsh Language
- Reg Kilpatrick, Director General, Covid Recovery and Local Government
- Judith Paget, Director General, Health and Social Services and NHS Chief Executive
- Tim Moss, Chief Operating Officer
- Gawain Evans, Director of Finance
- Sharon Bounds, Deputy Director Financial Controls
- Andrew Jeffreys, Director Welsh Treasury
- Emma Watkins, Deputy Director Budget and Government Business

# Item 1: Minutes of previous meetings

1.1 The Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd advised Cabinet that voting time was currently scheduled to be at 18.45 tomorrow and 18.25 on Wednesday.

1.2 It was reported that no Topical or Emergency Questions had been tabled to date.

# Item 2: Communications strategy – in-year savings

2.1 The First Minister introduced the paper, which presented the communication strategy for handling announcements on the Welsh Government budget and spending decisions in this financial year and next.

2.2 Cabinet noted the approach.

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