

DIARY CASE



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

PREAMBLE

Meeting date/time	30/11/26 at 11:30
Who is the Minister meeting?	██████████, Director of YesCymru, and ██████████, YesCymru Communications Officer
Who requested the meeting?	██████████
Primary purpose	For YesCymru to brief the Minister on their campaign, its objectives, and timetable.
Is there an agreed agenda?	No
Which officials are supporting the Minister?	██████████, DD Constitutional Policy and Reform
Where is the meeting?	CP2, Room TBC
Other practical considerations	None

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Purpose of the meeting

The meeting was requested by [REDACTED] Director of YesCymru, to brief you on the objectives and timeline for their campaign for a referendum on Welsh independence.

Information and lines to take

Other invitations from YesCymru

- You have accepted the invitation from YesCymru to join them at their stand at the National Eisteddfod on 6 August to discuss Wales's constitutional future.
- YesCymru have also recently invited the First Minister to participate in an event hosted by Ireland's Future in Belfast on 23 September. The event will explore constitutional futures, democracy and co-operation between the nations. The invitation has been declined given the continuing political sensitivities surrounding constitutional issues in Northern Ireland.

National Commission

- Improving people's lives will always be our first priority when considering constitutional matters and the powers Wales needs.
- That is why we are establishing a standing National Commission for Wales.
- The Commission will bring together evidence, research and the perspectives of people across Wales to help inform future decisions about Wales's constitutional future.
- Fundamentally believe that the decision on Wales's political and constitutional future belongs to the people of Wales.
- We are ambitious for Wales. We want to see our nation reach its full potential and have the confidence to shape its own constitutional future.
- It is fundamental to effective government, to establish whether we have the powers, resources and tools we need to govern most efficiently here in Wales.
- The Commission will not start from scratch. It will build on the legacy and robust work of The Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales.
- For justice, transport, or economic powers, our focus is on how constitutional reform can improve outcomes.

- The National Commission will play a central role in shaping and informing this programme of reform, helping to ensure that future decisions are grounded in robust evidence and reflect the perspectives of people across Wales.

Priorities on wider devolution

- We are focusing on powers which will unlock delivery, strengthen accountability and allow decisions to be made in Wales:
 - Justice and policing - to align with devolved services like health and housing.
 - Rail - including addressing the funding inequity linked to HS2.
 - Crown Estate and energy - to ensure Wales benefits fully from its natural resources.
 - Funding and fiscal flexibilities, including fairer funding, increased borrowing powers, removal of unnecessary Treasury restrictions on access to the Wales Reserve, additional income tax powers, devolution of air passenger duty, and competence to develop a vacant land tax.
- This is also about fairness - ensuring Wales is not disadvantaged by the current system and has the same opportunity to deliver for its people as elsewhere in the UK.

Shaping Wales' constitutional journey

- I am clear about the direction of travel for Wales, but I am equally clear that lasting constitutional change can only be achieved by taking people with us. Rather than focusing solely on the destination, my priority is to put in place the building blocks that enable people to play a meaningful role in shaping Wales's future. That means strengthening the current settlement where we can, fostering a stronger culture of participatory democracy, and creating the confidence and space for people to discuss Wales's constitutional future.
- The National Commission is one of the building blocks that can help people play a meaningful role in shaping Wales's future. Its role is to support informed discussion, broaden participation and help create the confidence and space for people to engage with constitutional questions.
- Many of us may have views about Wales's ultimate constitutional future, but if change is to endure it must be rooted in public understanding, democratic participation and public consent. That is why building those foundations matters so much.