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**The Welsh Government
Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet
23rd March 2020**

Present: Rt. Hon. Mark Drakeford AM (Chair)
Rebecca Evans AM
Vaughan Gething AM
Lesley Griffiths AM
Julie James AM
Eluned Morgan AM
Ken Skates AM
Jeremy Miles AM
Hannah Blythyn AM
Lee Waters AM

Kirsty Williams AM (via video link)
Jane Hutt AM (via video link)
Julie Morgan AM (via video link)

Shan Morgan, Permanent Secretary
Des Clifford, Director General Office of the First Minister
Carys Evans, Principal Private Secretary to the First Minister
Will Whiteley, Head of Cabinet Division
Toby Mason, Head of Strategic Communications
Jane Runeckles, Special Adviser
Madeleine Brindley, Special Adviser
Alex Bevan, Special Adviser (via video link)
Dan Butler, Special Adviser
Paul Griffiths, Special Adviser
NR Special Adviser
Clare Jenkins, Special Adviser
NR Special Adviser
Gareth Williams, Special Adviser
Tom Woodward, Special Adviser (via video link)
Christopher W Morgan, Cabinet Secretariat (minutes)
NR Cabinet Secretariat
Andrew Goodall, Director General Health
Tracey Burke, Director General Education and Public Services
Reg Kilpatrick, Director Local Government
Emma Watkins, Deputy Director Economic Policy
Liz Lalley, Deputy Director Project COVID-19
NR Specialist Policy Adviser (via video link)
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Apologies: Dafydd Elis Thomas AM

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Item 1: First Ministers item and COVID-19 update

- 1.1 The First Minister advised Cabinet that he and the Minister for Health and Social Services had discussed a number of issues following the emerging advice from SAGE on the rate of transmission.
- 1.2 A number of pubs and bars had not followed the advice of Friday to close so there would now be a need to enforce this decision. Local Authorities would become the enforcement agencies and the consequences for those that defied the regulations would be significant.
- 1.3 Local Authorities and National Parks would be closing footpaths using their powers. The intention was also to close non-residential caravan parks and tourist attractions would also be closed.

Item 2: Plenary Business

- 2.1 The Minister for Finance and Trefnydd provided an outline of Plenary business for the following day.