

Cross-Party Group on Small Shops: ACS Welsh Local Shop Report 2020 Launch

Tuesday 3rd December 2019, 12:00 – 13:30: Oriel Room, Senedd

MINUTES

PRESENT:

First	Surname	Organisation
David	Rees	AM for Aberavon
Janet	Finch-Saunders	AM for Aberconwy
Darren	Millar	AM for Clwyd West
Hannah	Blythyn	AM for Delyn
Rebecca	Evans	AM for Gower
Dawn	Bowden	AM for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Neil	Hamilton	AM for Mid and West Wales
Eluned	Morgan	AM for Mid and West Wales
Joyce	Watson	AM for Mid and West Wales
Russell	George	AM for Montgomeryshire
Mohammad	Asghar	AM for South Wales East
Mike	Hedges	AM for Swansea East
Jane	Hutt	AM for Vale of Glamorgan
Rhun	ap Iorwerth	AM for Ynys Môn
Steve	Dowling	Association of Convenience Stores
Chloe	Heyde	Association of Convenience Stores
James	Lowman	Association of Convenience Stores
Kiefer	Shea-Godden	My Local Convenience Store Ltd
Paul	Thomas	One Stop Bridgend
Kuldeep	Singh	One Stop Llanelli
Vince	Malone	Premier Express Tenby

1. Drop-in Session

AMs and AMSS joined the Association of Convenience Stores (ACS) and the retailers in attendance at different times throughout the drop-in session.

ACS staff presented the Welsh Local Shop Report 2020 to attending delegates, including its findings on investments made by convenience retailers, services offered in the sector and the employment and community impact of local shops.

ACS offered AMs opportunities to have a photo with an ACS pledge card and record a video message about the Welsh Local Shop Report for their local retailers and constituents.

AMs were provided with a policy briefing to take away and encouraged to sign Statement of Opinion 146 to recognise the social and economic contribution of the convenience sector in Wales and call for the extension of High Street Relief.