

## **ommunities and Culture Committee**

### **Concise Committee Minute: CC(3)-17-10 : Wednesday 24 November 2010**

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**Time: 9.01 – 11.30**

**Venue:** Committee Room 2, Senedd, National Assembly for Wales

#### **Assembly Members in attendance**

**Sandy Mewies, Delyn (Chair)**

**Mohammad Asghar, South Wales East**

**Eleanor Burnham, North Wales**

**Mark Isherwood, North Wales**

**Dai Lloyd, South Wales West**

**Lynne Neagle, Torfaen**

**Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales**

#### **Witnesses**

Jocelyn Davies AM, Deputy Minister for Housing (Item 2)

Brian Pickett, Head of Finance - Housing and Regeneration (Item 2)

Kath Palmer - Head of Housing Operations (Item 2)

Chris Warner - Policy Co-ordination Manager, Department of Housing & Regeneration (Item 2)

Tony Clark – Head of Housing Funding (Item 2)

Alun Ffred Jones AM, Minister for Heritage (Item 2)

Jo JonesDirector, Tourism and Marketing (Item 2)

John HowellsDirector of Culture (Item 2)

Carl Sargeant AM, Minister for Social Justice and Local Government (Item 2)

David Powell Director, Social Justice and Local Government (Item 2)

Eleanor Marks Director, Communities Division (Item 2)

Owain Lloyd, Head of Finance, Governance and Planning (Item 2)

#### **Committee staff**

Tom Jackson, Clerk

Sarah Bartlett, Deputy Clerk

### **1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions (9.01 – 9.02)**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee members and members of the public.

1.2 Apologies were received from Alun Davies and Bethan Jenkins, there were no substitutions.

### **2: Scrutiny of Welsh Government 2011/2012 draft budget (9.04 –11.00 )**

CC(3)-17-10 (p1) – Deputy Minister for Housing

CC(3)-17-10 (p2) – Minister for Heritage

CC(3)-17-10 (p3) – Minister for Social Justice and Local Government

#### **2.1 The Committee scrutinised the Welsh Government on the draft budget.**

##### **Actions**

The Deputy Minister for Housing was asked to provide a note on the Arbed – Strategic energy performance investment programme.

The Minister for Heritage to provide a note on the UK Government's reduction in funding for 'Visit Britain,' and the anticipated impact of such budget cuts for Wales.

#### **Motion under Standing Order 10.37 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for Items 3 and 4**

2.1 The Chair moved a motion, under Standing Order 10.37(ix), to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting, to discuss matters relating to the Committee's internal business

2.2 The Committee agreed to the motion.

### **3: Scrutiny of Welsh Government 2011/2012 draft budget – Members' consideration of key issues (11.00 – 11.27)**

3.1 The clerk was asked to circulate a draft report to Members for agreement via e-mail.

#### **4: Inquiry into accessibility of arts and cultural activities across Wales – Consideration of emerging themes (11.27 – 11.30)**

4.1 The Committee agreed to give further consideration to the themes and issues arising from this inquiry at their next meeting.

#### **5: Papers noted:**

CC(3)-17-10 (p4) – Additional information from Shelter Cymru following meeting on 10 November

CC(3)-17-10 (p5) – Additional information from RNID Cymru following meeting on 6 October

CC(3)-17-10 (p6) – Committee Forward Work Programme

CC(3)-17-10 (p7) – Statement by the Minister for Business and Budget: Draft Budget 2011-2012.

CC(3)-17-10 (p8) – The Draft Budget Proposals 2011-12

CC(3)-17-10 (p9) – Draft Budget narrative document

CC(3)-17-10 (p10) – Note from Jane Hutt, Minister for Business and Budget to Angela Burns, Chair of Finance Committee, setting out an overview of the Strategic Priorities which have shaped the Welsh Assembly Government's spending plans

CC(3)-16-10 - Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 10 November 2010

#### **Committee Service**

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