

Agenda Supplement – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

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Meeting time: 08.45

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– Updated papers

Please note the documents below are in addition to those published in the main Agenda and Reports pack for this Meeting

2 Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill: evidence session 2

(09.00–09.45)

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John Bader, Chair, the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

Greg Owens, Vice Chair, the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

Attached Documents:

Research briefing

Additional briefing: Bill summary

ELGC(5)–35–19 Paper 1

5 Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill: evidence session 5

(11.40–12.10)

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Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

Attached Documents:

ELGC(5)–35–19 Paper 10



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Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill – summary of main points from the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

Corporate Joint Committees:

- Another layer of collaboration
- How does this link to PSBs and other partnership groupings? (see our letter to Julie James sent this morning)
 - In particular how will their objectives link back to PSBs and PBs well-being objectives? We need reassurance that there will be integration, and of the consequences for our Office – will we monitor and assess their progress too?
- Complex governance arrangements, need to make sure they are clear
- Functions – only some functions - might be beneficial to review the list to see if other functions should be added to be most efficient at this level
- Need leadership from WG to avoid creating an even more complicated system which could prevent participation

Diversity and Participation:

- Overall good (broadcasting, access to documents, plain language) but missed some opportunities to integrate with our Act – talk about participation not involvement, need to be able to be involved before decision is made, etc.

Performance:

- Self-assessment and peer review welcome – strong evidence on the benefit of such practices
- The test for performance must include WBFCA (progress towards goals, meeting objectives and using 5 ways of working)
- Value for money guidance also needs to be aligned to the Act
- Review panels need to be fully aware of the Act, my advice and monitoring and assessing need to be taken into account by the panel
- Our self-reflexion tool can be used as includes both self-assessment and peer review
- Ministers interventions should also take account of my advice and assessments
- Governance and Audit Committees will have overview so they need full understanding of the Act (will need proper resourcing and support).