

Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5

Meeting date: Wednesday, 22 June 2022

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.36

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	John Griffiths MS (Chair) Mabon ap Gwynfor MS Jayne Bryant MS Joel James MS Sam Rowlands MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	Jane Hutt MS, Minister for Social Justice Chrisan Kamalan, Welsh Government James Searle, Welsh Government Naomi Alleyne, Welsh Local Government Association Anne Hubbard, Welsh Local Government Association Gaynor Toft, Pembrokeshire County Council Rev. Aled Edwards, Cytûn – Churches Together in Wales Reynette Roberts, Oasis Natalie Zhivkova, Wales Council for Voluntary Action



Committee Staff:	Manon George (Clerk)
	Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk)
	Claire Thomas (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Local Government and Housing Committee.

2 Inquiry into the provision of sites for Gypsy, Roma and Travellers – evidence session 5: Minister for Social Justice

2.1. The Committee received evidence from:

Jane Hutt MS, Minister for Social Justice

Chrishan Kamalan, Head of Race and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Policy, Welsh Government

James Searle, Head of Crime and Justice Team, Welsh Government

2.2. The Minister for Social Justice agreed to share with the Committee the letter she is sending to Council Leaders regarding the Anti-Racist Action Plan, and to provide further information on the Welsh Government's partnership with the Fuel Bank Foundation.

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the following items: 4 and 8

3.1. The Committee agreed the motion.

4 Inquiry into the provision of sites for Gypsy, Roma and Travellers – consideration of the evidence received under item 2

4.1. The Committee discussed the evidence received under item 2.

5 Housing Ukrainian refugees – evidence session 1

5.1. The Committee received evidence from:

Naomi Alleyne, Director, Social Services and Housing, Welsh Local Government Association

Gaynor Toft, Interim Head of Housing and Public Protection Services, Pembrokeshire County Council

Anne Hubbard, Manager, Wales Strategic Migration Partnership

6 Housing Ukrainian refugees – evidence session 2

6.1. The Committee received evidence from:

Reynette Roberts, Chief Executive Officer, Oasis

Natalie Zhivkova, Volunteering Policy Officer, Wales Council for Voluntary Action

The Reverend Aled Edwards, Chief Executive, Cytûn – Churches together in Wales

7 Paper(s) to note

7.1 Letter from the Minister for Social Justice in relation to housing Ukrainian refugees

7.1.1. The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Social Justice in relation to housing Ukrainian refugees.

8 Housing Ukrainian refugees – consideration of the evidence received under items 5 and 6

8.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under items 5 and 6.