

Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4

Meeting date: Wednesday, 16 November 2022

Meeting time: 09.15 – 11.37

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mabon ap Gwynfor MS Jayne Bryant MS Joel James MS Sam Rowlands MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	Naomi Alleyne, Welsh Local Government Association Tracy Hague, Wrexham Council Steve Porter, Housing Official (Swansea) Gaynor Toft, Pembrokeshire County Council Laura Garvey-Cubbon, Cardiff Council
Committee Staff:	Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Jonathan Baxter (Researcher) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser)



	Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser) Manon Huws (Legal Adviser)
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1 Motion to elect a temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22

1.1. Carolyn Thomas was elected as temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

2.1. Apologies were received from John Griffiths MS. There were no substitutions.

2.2. Mabon ap Gwynfor MS declared a relevant interest.

3 Homelessness – evidence session 1

3.1. 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

Steve Porter, Operations Manager Community Housing, Swansea Council

Tracy Hague, Head of Service Housing, Wrexham County Borough Council

Laura Garvey-Cubbon, Operational Manager, Strategy and Housing Need, Cardiff Council.

3.2. Naomi Alleyne agreed to provide a written response on the challenges currently being faced in relation to building new houses.

4 Papers to note

4.1 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government relating to general Ministerial scrutiny

4.1.a The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government relating to general Ministerial scrutiny.

4.2 Letter from the Minister for Climate Change in relating to general Ministerial scrutiny

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4.3 Letter from the Minister for Climate Change to the Llywydd in relation to the Social Housing (Regulation) Bill LCM

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4.4 Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee in relation to Petition P-06-1272 Ban the use of 'no pet clauses' in tenancy agreements in Wales

4.4.a The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee in relation to Petition P-06-1272 Ban the use of 'no pet clauses' in tenancy agreements in Wales.

4.5 Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Minister for Climate Change in relation to the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill LCM

4.5.a The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Minister for Climate Change in relation to the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill LCM.

4.6 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable amounts) Regulations 2022

4.6.a The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable amounts) Regulations 2022.

4.7 Correspondence between the Chair and the Minister for Climate Change in relation to the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill LCM

4.7.a The Committee noted the correspondence between the Chair and the Minister for Climate Change in relation to the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill LCM.

4.8 Correspondence between the Chair and the Minister for Climate Change in relation to the Social Housing (Regulation) Bill LCM and SLCM

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5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

5.1. The Committee agreed the Motion.

6 Homelessness – consideration of the evidence received under item 3

6.1. The Committee considered the evidence received under item 3.

7 Update on the Social Housing (Regulation) Bill Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM)

7.1. The Committee received an update in relation to the Social Housing (Regulation) Bill Legislative Consent Memoranda.

8 Update on the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM)

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