

# Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5

Meeting date: Thursday, 19 January  
2023

Meeting time: 09.10

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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:	Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change Dean Medcraft, Welsh Government Emma Williams, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Manon George (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Jonathan Baxter (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.

1.2 There were no apologies, substitutions or declarations of interest.

## **2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023 – 24 – evidence session 3: Minister for Climate Change**

2.1 The Committee took evidence from:

Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change

Emma Williams, Director of Housing and Regeneration, Welsh Government

Dean Medcraft, Director, Finance & Operations, Welsh Government

2.2 The Minister agreed to provide an analysis of the interventions made as part of the second homes pilot, when this is available.

## **3 Papers to note**

### **3.1 Correspondence between the Committee and Business Committee – Legislative consent memoranda**

3.1.a The Committee noted the correspondence in relation to legislative consent memoranda.

### **3.2 Letter from the Minister for Climate Change – update on implementing recommendations of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee on Empty Properties**

3.2.a The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Climate Change in relation to implementing recommendations of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee on Empty Properties.

### **3.3 Joint letter from Cymorth Cymru and Community Housing Cymru to the Minister for Finance and Local Government in relation to the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24**

3.3.a The Committee noted the letter from Cymorth Cymru and Community Housing Cymru to the Minister for Finance and Local Government in relation to the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24.

### **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and from the next Committee meeting**

4.1. The Committee agreed the Motion to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and from the meeting on 31 January 2023.

### **5 Consideration of evidence received under item 2**

5.1. The Committee considered the evidence received.

### **6 Consideration of the draft report on the Levelling–up and Regeneration Bill LCM**

6.1. The Committee agreed the draft report.

### **7 Update on the forward work programme**

7.1. The Committee agreed its forward work programme for the spring and summer 2023 terms.

### **8 Update on work relating to empty properties**

8.1. The Committee received an update on work relating to empty properties.

### **9 Update on housing Ukrainian refugees**

9.1. The Committee received an update on housing Ukrainian refugees.