

Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Rooms 1 and 2

Meeting date: Thursday, 24 November 2022

Meeting time: 09.00 – 13.04

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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:	Matt Dicks, CIH Cymru Steffan Evans, Bevan Foundation Steven Bletsoe, National Residential Landlords Association (NRLA) Allan Eveleigh, North Wales Housing Association Shayne Hembrow, Wales & West Housing Jennie Bibbings, Shelter Cymru Bonnie Williams, Housing Justice Cymru



	<p>Jasmine Harris, Crisis</p> <p>Jessica Hymus–Gant, Nacro</p> <p>Emma Shaw, Salvation Army</p> <p>Katie Dalton, Cymorth Cymru</p> <p>Thomas Hollick, The Wallich</p> <p>Catherine Docherty, Salvation Army</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Jonathan Baxter (Researcher)</p> <p>Naomi Stocks (Clerk)</p>

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 Homelessness – evidence session 2

2.1. The Committee took evidence from:

Allan Eveleigh, Assistant Director of Communities, North Wales Housing Association

Shayne Hembrow, Group Deputy Chief Executive, Wales & West Housing

Steven Bletsoe, Operations Manager Wales, National Residential Landlords Association

Matt Dicks, Director, Chartered Institute of Housing Cymru

Steffan Evans, Head of Policy (Poverty), Bevan Foundation

2.2. During the evidence session, Steffan Evans agreed to share the Bevan Foundation’s work on the use of Local Housing Allowance and Discretionary Housing Payments.

3 Homelessness – evidence session 3

3.1. The Committee took evidence from:

Jennie Bibbings, Head of Campaigns, Shelter

Jasmine Harris, Senior Policy and Public Affairs Officer, Crisis

Bonnie Williams, Director, Housing Justice Cymru

4 Homelessness – evidence session 4

4.1. The Committee took evidence from:

Katie Dalton, Director, Cymorth Cymru

Thomas Hollick, Policy and Public Affairs Coordinator, The Wallich

Catherine Docherty, Assistant Regional Manager – Wales and South West, Salvation Army

Emma Shaw, Regional Manager Wales and South West, Homeless Service, Salvation Army

Jessica Hymus–Gant, Services Manager – Conwy S180, Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham, Nacro

5 Papers to note

5.1 Letter from Penarth Town Council in relation to community assets

5.1.a The Committee noted the letter from Penarth Town Council in relation to community assets.

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

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5.3 Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee to the First Minister in relation to the financial implication of Bills

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5.4 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government in relation to Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs)

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

6.1. The Committee agreed the motion.

7 Consideration of the evidence received under items 2, 3 and 4

7.1. The Committee discussed the evidence received.

8 Consideration of the draft report on the Social Housing (Regulation) Bill LCM and SLCMs

8.1. The Committee considered the draft report and SLCM.