

Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue: Committee Room 1 –

Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 4 May 2023

Meeting time: 09.04 – 14.44

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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:	Sharon Davies, Welsh Local Government Association James Hooker, Welsh Government Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change Carwyn Jones, Isle of Anglesey County Council Chris Neath, Community Managed Libraries National Peer Network Nicola Pitman, Society of Chief Librarians Cymru Sarah Rhodes, Welsh Government Amy Staniforth, Chartered Institute of Library and



	Information Professionals Wales Councillor Rob Stewart, Swansea Council
Committee Staff:	Manon George (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk)

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. Joel James MS declared a relevant interest.

2 The Right to Adequate Housing – evidence session 6 – Minister for Climate Change

2.1. The Committee received evidence from:

Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change

Sarah Rhodes, Interim Deputy Director Housing Policy, Welsh Government

James Hooker, Head of Private Sector Housing Policy, Welsh Government

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 4 and 8 of the meeting and from the meeting on 11 May

3.1. The Committee agreed the motion.

4 The Right to Adequate Housing – consideration of the evidence received under item 2

4.1. The Committee considered the evidence received.

5 Local Authority Library and Leisure Services – evidence session 5

5.1. The Committee received evidence from:

Amy Staniforth, Relationship Manager, Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals Wales

Nicola Pitman, Chair, Society of Chief Librarians Cymru

Chris Neath, Network Manager, Community Managed Libraries National Peer Network

6 Local Authority Library and Leisure Services – evidence session 6

6.1. The Committee received evidence from:

Sharon Davies, Head of Education, Welsh Local Government Association

Councillor Carwyn Jones, Portfolio Holder – Corporate and Customer Experience, Isle of Anglesey County Council

Councillor Rob Stewart, Leader of Swansea Council

7 Papers to note

7.1 Letter from the Finance Committee: Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 – Engagement

7.1.a The Committee noted the letter.

7.2 Letter from the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales in relation to the Right to Adequate Housing

7.2.a The Committee noted the letter.

7.3 Welsh Government response to the Committee's report on Homelessness

7.3.a The Committee noted the letter.

8 Consideration of the evidence received under items 5 and 6

8.1. The Committee considered the evidence received.