

Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5

Meeting date: Wednesday, 24 May 2023

Meeting time: 09.15 – 11.45

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	John Griffiths MS (Chair) Jayne Bryant MS Joel James MS Sam Rowlands MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	Dawn Bowden MS, Deputy Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism Jason Thomas, Welsh Government Neil Welch, Welsh Government Mary Ellis, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Manon George (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Angharad Era (Deputy Clerk) Aled Evans (Legal Adviser)



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 Apologies were received from Mabon ap Gwynfor MS.

2 Papers to note

2.1 Housing Ukrainian Refugees – Response from the Welsh Government to the Committee's report

2.1a The Committee noted the response.

2.2 Building Safety – Letter from the Minister for Climate Change

2.2a The Committee noted the letter.

2.3 Provision of Sites for Gypsy, Roma and Travellers – Letter from the Equality and Social Justice Committee to the Minister for Social Justice

2.3a The Committee noted the letter.

2.4 Legislative Consent: Non-Domestic Rating Bill – Letter from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Minister for Finance and Local Government

2.4a The Committee noted the letter.

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 4, 6 and 7 of the meeting

3.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

4 Local Authority Library and Leisure Services – consideration of key issues

4.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

5 Local Authority Library and Leisure Services – Evidence from the Deputy Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism

5.1 The Committee received evidence from:

Dawn Bowden MS, Deputy Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism

Jason Thomas, Director Culture, Sport and Tourism, Welsh Government

Neil Welch, Head of Sport, Welsh Government

Mary Ellis, Head of Libraries, Archives & Resilience, Welsh Government

5.2 The Deputy Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism agreed to provide the FAW's report on the social value of football in Wales

5.3 The Deputy Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism agreed to provide the Committee with examples of where the Welsh Government has funded co-location of services.

5.4 The Deputy Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism agreed to provide the Committee with any evaluation and/or evidence as to efficiency measures of different models for delivery of leisure and library services.

6 Local Authority Library and Leisure Services – consideration of key issues

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7 Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Non-Domestic Rating Bill

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