

Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5

Meeting date: Thursday, 13 July 2023

Meeting time: 09.00 – 11.40

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	John Griffiths MS (Chair) Jayne Bryant MS Luke Fletcher MS Joel James MS Sam Rowlands MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	Elaina Chamberlain, Welsh Government Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government Lisa James, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Manon George (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Angharad Era (Deputy Clerk) Rhys Jones (Official) Osian Bowyer (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 The Chair welcomed Luke Fletcher MS to the Committee, and thanked Mabon ap Gwynfor for his invaluable contributions to the Committee over the last two years.

2 Diversity in Local Government – Evidence from the Minister for Finance and Local Government

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government

Elaina Chamberlain – Head, Democracy, Diversity & Remuneration

Lisa James – Deputy Director, Local Government Policy Division

2.2 The Minister for Finance and Local Government agreed to provide notes on the case law relevant to councillors developing a “thicker skin” regarding harassment.

3 Papers to note

3.1 Letter from the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip – The provision of sites for Gypsy, Roma and Travellers

3.1a The Committee noted the letter.

3.2 Letter from the Finance Committee to the Minister for Finance and Local Government – Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24

3.2a The Committee noted the letter.

3.3 Letter from the Minister for Climate Change to the UK Government – Legislative Consent: Renters (Reform) Bill

3.3a The Committee noted the letter.

3.4 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee – Non-Domestic Rating Bill LCM

3.4a The Committee noted the letter.

3.5 Additional information from Welsh Local Government Association – Diversity in local government

3.5a The Committee noted the additional information.

3.6 Letter from the Finance Committee to the Minister for Finance and Local Government – Draft Budget Timetable 2024–25

3.6a The Committee noted the letter.

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

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

5 Consideration of forward work programme for Autumn term

5.1 The Committee discussed its forward work programme and agreed its priorities for autumn 2023.

6 Private Rented Sector – approach to engagement

6.1 The Committee agreed its approach to engagement.

7 Diversity in Local Government – Consideration of evidence and key issues

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.