

Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Rooms 1 and 2

Meeting date: Wednesday, 29 March 2023

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.34

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Hybrid

Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| 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: | Richard Hughes, Awen Cultural Trust Diana Edmonds, GLL (Better) Mark Sesnan, GLL (Better) Sara Mogel, Aura Wales Sian Williams, Aura Wales Fergus Feeney, Swim Wales Matthew Williams, Welsh Sports Association Dominic MacAskill, UNISON |



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| Committee Staff: | Manon George (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Osian Bowyer (Researcher) |
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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. Carolyn Thomas MS declared a relevant interest.

2 Local Authority Library and Leisure Services – evidence session 2

2.1. The Committee received evidence from:

Diana Edmonds, National Libraries Director, GLL (Better)

Mark Sesnan, Chief Officer, GLL (Better)

Richard Hughes, Chief Executive, Awen Cultural Trust

Sara Mogel, Chair, Aura Wales

Sian Williams, Leisure Development Manager, Aura Wales

2.2. Diane Edmonds, GLL (Better), agreed to share work carried out with Sheffield Hallam University in relation to quantifying the social value return on investments.

2.3. Sian Williams, Aura Wales, agreed to share work carried out in relation to quantifying the social value of their programmes.

3 Local Authority Library and Leisure Services – evidence session 3

3.1. The Committee received evidence from:

Matthew Williams, Head of Policy and Communications, Welsh Sports Association

Fergus Feeney, Chief Executive Officer, Swim Wales

4 Local Authority Library and Leisure Services – evidence session 4

4.1. The Committee received evidence from:

Dominic MacAskill, UNISON Cymru Wales regional secretary

5 Papers to note

5.1 Letter from Propertymark in relation to the feasibility of devolution of Local Housing Allowance and Broad Rental Market Areas to the Welsh Government

5.1.a The Committee noted the letter from Propertymark in relation to the feasibility of devolution of Local Housing Allowance and Broad Rental Market Areas to the Welsh Government.

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 considered the evidence received.

8 Local government and diversity – consideration of the terms of reference

8.1. The Committee considered and agreed the terms of reference.

9 Consideration of the forward work programme

9.1. The Committee considered and agreed the forward work programme.