

Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2

Meeting date: Thursday, 9 November 2023

Meeting time: 09.32 – 11.04

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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:	Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change Stuart Fitzgerald, Welsh Government Sarah Rhodes, Welsh Government Emma Williams, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Catherine Hunt (Clerk) Angharad Era (Deputy Clerk) Osian Bowyer (Researcher) Jennie Bibbings (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.

2 Ministerial scrutiny session – Minister for Climate Change

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change

Emma Williams, Director of Housing and Regeneration

Sarah Rhodes,, Deputy Director, Housing Policy

Stuart Fitzgerald, Deputy Director, Homes and Places

2.2 The Minister agreed to provide an indicative timetable for the introduction of a Bill relating to homelessness .

2.3 The Minister agreed to provide a breakdown of the 5,575 new affordable properties delivered since 2021, including how many of these contribute towards the Welsh Government’s target of delivering 20,000 new social homes for rent by the end of this Senedd term.

2.4 The Minister agreed to provide an update following the forthcoming summit relating to phosphates in rivers.

2.5 The Minister agreed to provide a figure in relation to the number of people who take up the Help to Stay scheme.

3 Papers to note

3.1 Letter from Disability Wales – Draft Budget 2024–25

3.1a The Committee noted the letter.

3.2 Letter from the Minister for Climate Change to the Chair of Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee – Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016

3.2a The Committee noted the letter.

3.3 Letter to the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution – Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill

3.3a The Committee noted the letter.

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

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

5 Ministerial scrutiny sessions – Consideration of the evidence received under item 2

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received under item 2.

6 Forward work programme – update

6.1 The Committee discussed its forward work programme.