

Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5

Meeting date: Thursday, 7 December 2023

Meeting time: 12.30 – 15.20

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Hybrid

Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Members of the Senedd: | John Griffiths MS (Chair) Jayne Bryant MS Adam Price MS (In place of Luke Fletcher MS) Sam Rowlands MS Carolyn Thomas MS |
| Witnesses: | Mick Antoniw MS, Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution Michael Kay, Welsh Government Angharad Thomas–Richards, Welsh Government Laura Mitchell, Welsh Government |
| Committee Staff: | Catherine Hunt (Clerk) Angharad Era (Deputy Clerk) Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser) |



1 Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill – consideration of key issues

1.1 The Committee considered the key issues.

2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

2.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Local Government and Housing Committee.

2.2 Apologies were received from Luke Fletcher MS. Adam Price MS substituted for Luke Fletcher MS

2.3 Apologies were received from Joel James MS.

3 Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill – Evidence from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

Mick Antoniw MS, Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution

Michael Kay – SRO for the Bill – Deputy Director, Elections Division, Welsh Government

Laura Mitchell – Government Lawyer, Legal Services, Welsh Government

Angharad Thomas–Richards – Electoral Reform Programme Advisor, Elections Division, Welsh Government

3.2 The Counsel General agreed to confirm under which legislation the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales is required to lay its annual report.

4 Papers to note

4.1 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government – Diversity in local government

4.1a The Committee noted the letter.

4.2 Letter from the Chair of Petitions Committee – P-06-1334 Make the Senedd More Representative of the Welsh Population

4.2a The Committee noted the letter.

4.3 Letter from the Minister for Climate Change – Legislative Consent: Renters (Reform) Bill

4.3a The Committee noted the letter.

4.4 Letter from Llamau to Finance Committee – Draft budget 2024-25

4.4a The Committee noted the letter.

4.5 Letter from Gorwel – Draft Budget 2024-25

4.5a The Committee noted the letter.

4.6 Survey findings – Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill

4.6a The Committee noted the survey findings.

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

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

6 Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill – consideration of key issues

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