

Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5

Meeting date: Thursday, 25 January 2024

Meeting time: 09.03 – 14.33

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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:	Lakshmi Narain, Chartered Institute of Taxation Stuart Adam, Institute for Fiscal Studies Llyr ap Gareth, Federation of Small Businesses Carolyn Bartlett, Valuation Office Agency Carolyn Dawson, Valuation Tribunal for Wales Matthew Evans, The Institute of Revenues Rating Robin Osterley, Charity Retail Association Lisa Hayward, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)



	<p>Matthew Phillips, Welsh Local Government Association</p> <p>Jonathan Russell, Valuation Office Agency</p> <p>Susan Morgan, Welsh Local Government Association</p> <p>Robin Williams, Welsh Local Government Association</p> <p>Morgan Schondelmeier, Welsh Beer and Pub Association</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Catherine Hunt (Clerk)</p> <p>Angharad Era (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Rachael Davies (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Ben Harris (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Osian Bowyer (Researcher)</p>

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 Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill – Evidence session 1

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

Stuart Adam, Institute for Fiscal Studies

Matthew Evans, Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation

Lakshmi Narain, Chartered Institute of Taxation

3 Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill – Evidence session 2

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

Jonathan Russell CB, Chief Executive Officer, Valuation Office Agency

Carolyn Bartlett Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer, Valuation Office Agency

Carolyn Dawson, Chief Executive, Valuation Tribunal for Wales

4 Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill – Evidence session 3

4.1 The Committee received evidence from:

Lisa Haywood, Finance Policy Officer, Welsh Local Government Association

Matthew Phillips, Head of Service – Revenues & Benefits, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, Welsh Local Government Association

Councillor Susan Morgan, Torfaen, Welsh Local Government Association

Councillor Robin Williams, Ynys Mon, Welsh Local Government Association

5 Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill – Evidence session 4

5.1 The Committee received evidence from:

Llyr ap Gareth, FSB

Robin Osterley, Chief Executive, Charity Retail Association

Morgan Schondelmeier, Welsh Beer and Pub Association

6 Papers to note

6.1 Letter from Cymorth Cymru – Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25

6.1a The Committee noted the letter.

6.2 Letter from the Minister for Climate Change – SICM(6)4 – The Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024

6.2a The Committee noted the letter.

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

7.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

8 Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill – Consideration of evidence

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence.