

Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5

Meeting date: Wednesday, 7 February 2024

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.27

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	John Griffiths MS (Chair) Jayne Bryant MS Joel James MS Sam Rowlands MS Carolyn Thomas MS Mabon ap Gwynfor MS (In place of Luke Fletcher MS)
Witnesses:	Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government Ruth Cornick, Welsh Government Ben Crudge, Welsh Government Simon Tew, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Catherine Hunt (Clerk) Angharad Era (Deputy Clerk) Rachael Davies (Second Clerk)



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 Apologies were received from Luke Fletcher MS. Mabon ap Gwynfor MS substituted for Luke Fletcher MS.

2 Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill – 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

Ben Crudge, Head of Local Tax Policy, Welsh Government

Simon Tew, Bill Manager, Welsh Government

Ruth Cornick, Lawyer, Legal Services, Welsh Government

2.2 The Minister agreed to provide further information in relation to the secondary legislation-making powers in the Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill

3 Papers to note

3.1 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government in relation to the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25

3.1a The Committee noted the letter.

3.2 Letter from the Welsh Cladiators in relation to building safety

3.2a The Committee noted the letter.

3.3 Letter from Crisis UK to the First Minister and Minister for Finance and Local Government in relation to the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25

3.3a The Committee noted the letter.

3.4 Letter from Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the First Minister in relation to the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill

3.4a The Committee noted the letter.

3.5 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government in relation to the Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill

3.5a The Committee noted the letter.

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

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

5 Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill – Consideration of evidence and key issues

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence and key issues.

6 Forward work programme

6.1 The Committee discussed its forward work programme.