

Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2

Meeting date: Wednesday, 15 November 2023

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.15

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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
Witnesses:	Jess Blair, Electoral Reform Society Cymru Ruth Coombs, Equality and Human Rights Commission Megan Thomas, Policy Officer, Disability Wales Nia Thomas, Electoral Reform Society Cymru Dr Christine Huebner, The University of Sheffield Liz Williams, RNIB Cymru
Committee Staff:	Catherine Hunt (Clerk) Angharad Era (Deputy Clerk) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser)



	Philip Lewis (Researcher) Rachael Davies (Second Clerk)
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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 Apologies were received from Luke Fletcher MS.

2 Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill – Evidence Session 1

- 2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

Dr Christine Huebner, Lecturer in Quantitative Social Sciences, University of Sheffield

3 Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill– Evidence session 2

- 3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

Jess Blair, Director, ERS Cymru

Dr Nia Thomas, Research and Campaigns Officer, ERS Cymru

Megan Thomas, Policy and Research Officer, Disability Wales

Liz Williams, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, RNIB Cymru

4 Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill – Evidence session 3

- 4.1 The Committee received evidence from:

Ruth Coombs, Head of Wales, Equality and Human Rights Commission

5 Papers to note

5.1 Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill – Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

5.1a The Committee noted the letter.

5.2 Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill – Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Minister for Climate Change

5.2a The Committee noted the letter.

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

5.3a The Committee noted the letter.

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 Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill – Consideration of evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence.