

Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2

Meeting date: Wednesday, 22 May 2024

Meeting time: 09.34 – 12.28

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	John Griffiths MS (Chair) James Evans MS Mabon ap Gwynfor MS (In place of Luke Fletcher MS) Lee Waters MS
Witnesses:	Darren Baxter, Joseph Rowntree Foundation Wendy Dearden, Bevan Foundation Nicholas Falk, The Urbed Trust Ken Gibb, UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence Toby Lloyd, Individual Edward Shepherd, Cardiff University Robin White, Shelter Cymru
Committee Staff:	Catherine Hunt (Clerk) Angharad Era (Deputy Clerk) Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) 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.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Luke Fletcher MS. Mabon ap Gwynfor MS attended as a substitute for Luke Fletcher MS.
- 1.3 Apologies were received from Altaf Hussain MS.

2 Social housing supply – Evidence session 1

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

Edward Shepherd, Senior Lecturer in Planning and Development

Ken Gibb, Director, UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence

Toby Lloyd, Independent Consultant

Nicholas Falk, Executive Director, The Urbed Trust

3 Social housing supply – Evidence session 2

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

Darren Baxter, Principal Policy Adviser – Housing and Land, Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Wendy Dearden, Senior Policy & Research Officer, Bevan Foundation

Robin White, Head of Campaigns, Shelter Cymru

4 Papers to note

4.1 Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning in relation to diversity in local government

4.2 Letter from Carolyn Thomas MS in relation to the private rented sector

4.2a The Committee noted the letter.

4.3 Letter from the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee in relation to the Welsh Housing Quality Standard

4.3a The Committee noted the letter.

4.4 Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning in relation to the Renters (Reform) Bill

4.4a The Committee noted the letter.

4.5 Letter from the Welsh Cladiators in relation to building safety

4.5a The Committee noted the letter.

4.6 Letter from the Finance Committee in relation to Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26

4.6a The Committee noted the letter.

4.7 Letter to the Llywydd from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to Supplementary Legislative Consent Memoranda (Memorandum No. 3 and Memorandum No. 4) on the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill.

4.7a The Committee noted the letter.

4.8 Letter to the First Minister from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the international agreement between the UK and Denmark

4.8a The Committee noted the letter.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

6 Social housing supply – Consideration of evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence.

7 Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill – Stage 2 order of consideration

7.1 The Committee agreed on 22 May 2024, under Standing Order 26.21, that the order of consideration for Stage 2 proceedings would be:

Sections 2 – 15, Schedule 1, Section 1, Sections 17 – 21, Section 16, Sections 22 – 25 and the long title.

8 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 4) on the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill

8.1 The Committee considered the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 4) on the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill.