

Agenda – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2, Senedd

Meeting date: 3 October 2024

Meeting time: 09.30

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Private pre-meeting

(09.15–09.30)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 The provision of sites for Gypsy, Roma and Travellers: Follow up – Evidence session 1

(09.30–10.30)

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Louisa Devonish – Director, Gypsies and Travellers Wales

Martin Gallagher – Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Activist, writer and academic researcher

Break

(10.30–10.40)

3 The provision of sites for Gypsy, Roma and Travellers: Follow up – Evidence session 2

(10.40–11.50)

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Elliw Llyr – Housing Policy Manager, Isle of Anglesey County Council

Ian Bakewell – Head of Housing, Monmouthshire County Council

Dave Jolly – Resettlement Coordinator, Flintshire County Council

Steph Hopkins – Development Manager, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council



John Raine – Development Plans Team Manager, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

Bob Smith – Principal Planning Officer, Pembrokeshire County Council

Break

(11.50–12.00)

4 The provision of sites for Gypsy, Roma and Travellers: Follow up – Evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip

(12.00–13.00)

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Jane Hutt MS, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip, Welsh Government

Amelia John, Director Committees and Social Justice, Welsh Government

Sarah Melkevik, Head of Race, Faith, Belief and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Policy, Welsh Government

5 Papers to note

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5.1 Letter from the Equality and Human Rights Commission in relation to the provision of gypsy, roma and traveller sites

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5.2 Written evidence from Travelling Ahead in relation to the provision of gypsy, roma and traveller sites

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5.3 Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip in relation to the provision of gypsy, roma and traveller sites

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5.4 Written evidence from Allison Hulmes in relation to the provision of gypsy, roma and traveller sites

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

(13.00)

(Private)

(13.00–13.10)

7 The provision of sites for Gypsy, Roma and Travellers: Follow up – Consideration of evidence

(13.00–13.10)