

# Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 9 May 2013**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**Christine Chapman (Chair)**

**Peter Black**

**Janet Finch–Saunders**

**Mike Hedges**

**Mark Isherwood**

**Gwyn R Price**

**Jenny Rathbone**

**Ken Skates**

**Rhodri Glyn Thomas**

**Lindsay Whittle**

### Witnesses:

**Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Local Government and  
Government Business**

**Frank Cuthbert, Head of Scrutiny, Democracy and  
Participation Team**

**Louise Gibson, Lawyer, Welsh Government**

### Committee Staff:

**Bethan Davies (Clerk)**

**Leanne Hatcher (Deputy Clerk)**

**Gwyn Griffiths (Legal Advisor)**

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## 1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members, the Minister and her officials and members of the public to the meeting.

## 2. Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill – Stage 2: Consideration of Amendments

2.1 The Chair said that the Committee would consider the amendments in the following order:

Sections 1 – 70  
Schedules 1 – 3

2.1 The Committee disposed of the following amendments:

### Section 1:

#### Amendment 46 – Lesley Griffiths

For	Against	Abstain
Peter Black Christine Chapman Mike Hedges Gwyn Price Jenny Rathbone Ken Skates	Janet Finch–Saunders Mark Isherwood Rhodri Glyn Thomas Lindsay Whittle	
6	4	0
<b>Amendment 46 was agreed.</b>		

Amendment 47, was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

#### Amendment 48 – Lesley Griffiths

For	Against	Abstain
Christine Chapman Mike Hedges Gwyn Price Jenny Rathbone Ken Skates	Peter Black Janet Finch–Saunders Mark Isherwood Rhodri Glyn Thomas Lindsay Whittle	
5	5	0
As there was an equality of votes, the Chair cast her vote in the negative, in accordance with Standing Orders 17.37 and 6.20(ii).		
<b>Amendment 48 was not agreed.</b>		

Amendment 49, was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Sections 2 and 3:** No amendments were tabled to these sections, therefore these sections were deemed agreed.

### Section 4:

#### Amendment 9 – Rhodri Glyn Thomas

For	Against	Abstain
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Peter Black Janet Finch–Saunders Mark Isherwood Rhodri Glyn Thomas Lindsay Whittle	Christine Chapman Mike Hedges Gwyn Price Jenny Rathbone Ken Skates	
5	5	0
As there was an equality of votes, the Chair cast her vote in the negative, in accordance with Standing Orders 17.37 and 6.20(ii).		
<b>Amendment 9 was not agreed.</b>		

**Sections 5 to 21:** No amendments were tabled to these sections, therefore these sections were deemed agreed.

**Section 22:**

**Amendment 23, 50, 24 and 25** were agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Sections 23 and 24:** No amendments were tabled to these sections, therefore these sections were deemed agreed.

**Section 25:**

**Amendments 51 and 52,** were agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Section 26:**

**Amendment 53,** was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Sections 27 and 28:** No amendments were tabled to these sections, therefore these sections were deemed agreed.

**Section 29:**

**Amendments 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 30, 32 and 33** were agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Amendments 10, 11 and 12** were withdrawn in accordance with Standing Order 26.66.

**Section 30:** No amendments were tabled to this section, therefore this section was deemed agreed.

**Section 31:**

**Amendments 54 and 55,** were agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Section 32:**

**Amendment 56,** was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Section 33:** No amendments were tabled to this section, therefore this section was deemed agreed.

**Section 34:**

**Amendments 34 and 35,** were agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Section 35:**

**Amendment 36,** was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Section 36:**

**Amendment 37**, was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Section 37:** No amendments were tabled to this section, therefore this section was deemed agreed

**Section 38:**

**Amendment 57**, was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Section 39:**

**Amendment 58**, was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Sections 40 to 42:** No amendments were tabled to these sections, therefore these sections were deemed agreed.

**Section 43:**

**Amendments 38 and 39**, were agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Section 44:** No amendments were tabled to this section, therefore this section was deemed agreed

**Section 45:**

**Amendment 59**, was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Sections 46 to 48:** No amendments were tabled to these sections, therefore these sections were deemed agreed.

**Section 49:**

**Amendment 40**, was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Section 50:**

**Amendment 13 - Rhodri Glyn Thomas**

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Peter Black Janet Finch-Saunders Mark Isherwood Rhodri Glyn Thomas Lindsay Whittle	Christine Chapman Mike Hedges Gwyn Price Jenny Rathbone Ken Skates	
5	5	0
As there was an equality of votes, the Chair cast her vote in the negative, in accordance with Standing Orders 17.37 and 6.20(ii).		
<b>Amendment 13 was not agreed.</b>		

**Amendment 14 - Rhodri Glyn Thomas**

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Peter Black Janet Finch-Saunders Mark Isherwood Rhodri Glyn Thomas Lindsay Whittle	Christine Chapman Mike Hedges Gwyn Price Jenny Rathbone Ken Skates	
5	5	0
As there was an equality of votes, the Chair cast her vote in the negative, in accordance with Standing Orders 17.37 and 6.20(ii).		

**Amendment 14 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 15 - Rhodri Glyn Thomas**

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Peter Black Janet Finch-Saunders Mark Isherwood Rhodri Glyn Thomas Lindsay Whittle	Christine Chapman Mike Hedges Gwyn Price Jenny Rathbone Ken Skates	
5	5	0
As there was an equality of votes, the Chair cast her vote in the negative, in accordance with Standing Orders 17.37 and 6.20(ii).		
<b>Amendment 15 was not agreed.</b>		

**Amendment 16 - Rhodri Glyn Thomas**

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Peter Black Janet Finch-Saunders Mark Isherwood Rhodri Glyn Thomas Lindsay Whittle	Christine Chapman Mike Hedges Gwyn Price Jenny Rathbone Ken Skates	
5	5	0
As there was an equality of votes, the Chair cast her vote in the negative, in accordance with Standing Orders 17.37 and 6.20(ii).		
<b>Amendment 16 was not agreed.</b>		

**Section 51:**

**Amendment 74 - Janet Finch-Saunders**

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Janet Finch-Saunders Mark Isherwood	Peter Black Christine Chapman Mike Hedges Gwyn Price Jenny Rathbone Ken Skates Rhodri Glyn Thomas Lindsay Whittle	
2	8	0
<b>Amendment 74 was not agreed.</b>		

**Section 52:**

**Amendments 60, 61, 62, 63,** were agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**New Section:**

**Amendment 64,** was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Section 53:**

**Amendment 1,** was not moved, in accordance with Standing Order 26.65.

**Amendment 2,** was withdrawn, in accordance with Standing Order 26.66.

**Amendment 3 - Peter Black**

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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Peter Black Janet Finch–Saunders Mark Isherwood Rhodri Glyn Thomas Lindsay Whittle	Christine Chapman Mike Hedges Gwyn Price Jenny Rathbone Ken Skates	
5	5	0
As there was an equality of votes, the Chair cast her vote in the negative, in accordance with Standing Orders 17.37 and 6.20(ii).		
<b>Amendment 3 was not agreed.</b>		

**Amendments 4 and 5, were withdrawn, in accordance with Standing Order 26.66.**

**New Sections:**

**Amendment 65,** was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Section 54 & 55:** No amendments were tabled to these sections, therefore these sections were deemed agreed.

**Amendment 17 – Rhodri Glyn Thomas**

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Peter Black Janet Finch–Saunders Mark Isherwood Rhodri Glyn Thomas Lindsay Whittle	Christine Chapman Mike Hedges Gwyn Price Jenny Rathbone Ken Skates	
5	5	0
As there was an equality of votes, the Chair cast her vote in the negative, in accordance with Standing Orders 17.37 and 6.20(ii).		
<b>Amendment 17 was not agreed.</b>		

**Amendment 67,** was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Amendment 66 – Lesley Griffiths**

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Christine Chapman Mike Hedges Gwyn Price Jenny Rathbone Ken Skates	Peter Black Janet Finch–Saunders Mark Isherwood Rhodri Glyn Thomas Lindsay Whittle	
5	5	0
As there was an equality of votes, the Chair cast her vote in the negative, in accordance with Standing Orders 17.37 and 6.20(ii).		
<b>Amendment 66 was not agreed.</b>		

**Section 56:**

**Amendment 6 – Peter Black**

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Peter Black Janet Finch–Saunders Mark Isherwood Rhodri Glyn Thomas Lindsay Whittle	Christine Chapman Mike Hedges Gwyn Price Jenny Rathbone Ken Skates	

5	5	0
As there was an equality of votes, the Chair cast her vote in the negative, in accordance with Standing Orders 17.37 and 6.20(ii).		
<b>Amendment 6 was not agreed.</b>		

**Sections 57 to 59:** No amendments were tabled to these sections, therefore these sections were deemed agreed.

**New Section:**

**Amendment 18A - Janet Finch-Saunders**

For	Against	Abstain
Janet Finch-Saunders Mark Isherwood	Peter Black Christine Chapman Mike Hedges Gwyn Price Jenny Rathbone Ken Skates Rhodri Glyn Thomas Lindsay Whittle	
2	8	0
<b>Amendment 18A was not agreed.</b>		

**Amendment 18 - Rhodri Glyn Thomas**

For	Against	Abstain
Peter Black Janet Finch-Saunders Mark Isherwood Rhodri Glyn Thomas Lindsay Whittle	Christine Chapman Mike Hedges Gwyn Price Jenny Rathbone Ken Skates	
5	5	0
As there was an equality of votes, the Chair cast her vote in the negative, in accordance with Standing Orders 17.37 and 6.20(ii).		
<b>Amendment 18 was not agreed.</b>		

**Section 60:**

**Amendment 7 - Peter Black**

For	Against	Abstain
Peter Black Janet Finch-Saunders Mark Isherwood Rhodri Glyn Thomas Lindsay Whittle	Christine Chapman Mike Hedges Gwyn Price Jenny Rathbone Ken Skates	
5	5	0
As there was an equality of votes, the Chair cast her vote in the negative, in accordance with Standing Orders 17.37 and 6.20(ii).		
<b>Amendment 7 was not agreed.</b>		

**Sections 61 to 63:** No amendments were tabled to these sections, therefore these sections were deemed agreed.

**New Sections:**

**Amendment 19 - Rhodri Glyn Thomas**

For	Against	Abstain
Peter Black Rhodri Glyn Thomas Lindsay Whittle	Christine Chapman Mike Hedges Mark Isherwood Gwyn Price Jenny Rathbone Janet Finch-Saunders Ken Skates	
3	7	0

**Amendment 19 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 20 - Rhodri Glyn Thomas**

For	Against	Abstain
Peter Black Rhodri Glyn Thomas Lindsay Whittle	Christine Chapman Mike Hedges Mark Isherwood Gwyn Price Jenny Rathbone Janet Finch-Saunders Ken Skates	
3	7	0

**Amendment 20 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 21 - Rhodri Glyn Thomas**

For	Against	Abstain
Peter Black Janet Finch-Saunders Mark Isherwood Rhodri Glyn Thomas Lindsay Whittle	Christine Chapman Mike Hedges Gwyn Price Jenny Rathbone Ken Skates	
5	5	0
As there was an equality of votes, the Chair cast her vote in the negative, in accordance with Standing Orders 17.37 and 6.20(ii).		

**Amendment 21 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 68**, was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Section 64:** No amendments were tabled to this section, therefore this section was deemed agreed.

**Section 65:**

**As amendment 3 was not agreed, amendment 8 fell.**

**As amendment 13 was not agreed, amendment 22 fell.**



**Amendment 4,1** was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Section 66:**

**Amendments 42 and 43**, were agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Sections 67 and 68:** No amendments were tabled to these sections, therefore these sections were deemed agreed.

**Section 69:**

**Amendments 69, 70 and 71**, were agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Section 70:** No amendments were tabled to this section, therefore this section was deemed agreed.

**Schedule 1:**

**Amendments 44 and 72**, were agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Schedule 2:**

**Amendments 73**, was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

**Schedule 3:**

**Amendments 45**, was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34 (i).

2.3 The Bill, as amended, was deemed agreed.

2.4 The Committee requested that the Minister for Local Government and Government Business, Lesley Griffiths AM (Member in Charge) prepare a revised Explanatory Memorandum, in accordance with Standing Order 26.27.

2.5 The Chair informed the Committee that Stage 3 proceedings for the Bill would begin on Friday, 10 May 2013. The Chair informed Members that the deadline for tabling amendments at Stage 3 would be issued in due course.

### **3. Papers to note**

**TRANSCRIPT**

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