

Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

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

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 14 January 2015**

Meeting time: **09:00–11:00**

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Assembly Members:

Christine Chapman AM (Chair)
Peter Black AM
Alun Davies AM
Jocelyn Davies AM
Janet Finch–Saunders AM
Mike Hedges AM
Mark Isherwood AM
Gwyn R Price AM
Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM

Witnesses:

Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty, The Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty
Maureen Howell, Head of Lifestyle Change Branch
Eleanor Marks, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Sarah Beasley (Clerk)
Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk)
Hannah Johnson (Researcher)

TRANSCRIPT

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Gwenda Thomas. There were no substitutes.

2 Inquiry into Poverty in Wales (Strand 1) – evidence session 10: Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

2.1 The Committee received evidence from Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty and her officials.

2.2 During the session, the Minister agreed to provide the following:

- a note on work that has been carried out to map the impact of economic policy on poverty;
- the Discretionary Assistance Fund expenditure profile figures from November 2014 until the end of this financial year.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The Committee noted the papers.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and from item 1 of the meeting on 22 January 2015 (approach to scrutiny of the Local Government (Wales) Bill, subject to introduction)

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

5 Inquiry into Poverty in Wales (Strand 1): discussion of evidence received in session 10

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence

6 Consideration of the proposed timetable for the Local Government (Wales) Bill

6.1 The Committee considered the proposed timetable for the Local Government (Wales) Bill