

Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Thursday, 26 February 2015**

Meeting time: **09.00 – 11.12**

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Assembly Members:

Christine Chapman AM (Chair)
Alun Davies AM
Jocelyn Davies AM
Janet Finch–Saunders AM
Mike Hedges AM
Mark Isherwood AM
Gwyn R Price AM
John Griffiths AM (In place of Gwenda Thomas AM)
Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM

Witnesses:

Dyfed Edwards, Leader of Gwynedd County Council
Ray Quant, Ceredigion County Council
Anthony Hunt, Ceredigion County Council
Daniel Hurford, Welsh Local Government Association
Steve Phillips, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Gareth Owens, Flintshire County Council and Lawyers in Local Governmnet

Committee Staff:

Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk)
Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk)
Helen Roberts (Legal Adviser)
Rhys Iorwerth (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.
- 1.2. Apologies for absence were received from Gwenda Thomas AM and Peter Black AM. John Griffiths AM substituted for Gwenda Thomas AM in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.

2 Local Government (Wales) Bill: evidence session 2 – local government representatives

- 2.1. The Committee received evidence from:
 - Councillor Dyfed Edwards, Leader of Gwynedd Council
 - Councillor Ray Quant, Deputy Leader and Cabinet member Corporate Services, Improvement and Performance Management, Ceredigion County Council
 - Councillor Anthony Hunt, Executive Member Resources, Torfaen County Borough Council
 - Daniel Hurford, Head of Policy, Welsh Local Government Association
 - Steve Phillips, Chief Executive, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
 - Gareth Owens, Chief Officer (Governance), Monitoring Officer and Deputy Returning Officer at Flintshire County Council; also representing Lawyers in Local Government

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

- 3.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

4 Local Government (Wales) Bill: discussion of evidence received in session 2

- 4.1 The Committee discussed the evidence.