

# Agenda – Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 26 March  
2015

Meeting time: 09.00

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## 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

## 2 Local Government (Wales) Bill: evidence session 7 – Minister for Public Services

(09.15 – 10.45)

(Pages 1 – 26)

Leighton Andrews AM, Minister for Public Services

Gareth Thomas, Policy Adviser, Local Government Reform, Welsh Government

Sharon Barry, Lawyer, Local Government Team, Welsh Government

Supporting documents:

[Local Government \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

## 3 Papers to note

(Pages 27 – 48)

Additional information provided by the Auditor General for Wales

[‘Learning the Lessons of Public Mergers’ – Report by Audit Scotland](#)

[‘Consolidation in Local Government’ – Report by the Australian Centre for Excellence in Local Government](#)



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**Break (10.45 – 11.00)**

- 4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**
- 5 Local Government (Wales) Bill: consideration of key issues**  
(11.00 – 12.00) (Pages 49 – 54)
- 6 Inquiry into Poverty in Wales Strand 1: poverty and inequality – consideration of draft report**  
(12.00 – 12.30) (Pages 55 – 91)