

Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

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

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 22 April 2015**

Meeting time: **09.04 – 12.10**

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Assembly Members:

Christine Chapman AM (Chair)
Peter Black AM
Alun Davies AM
Jocelyn Davies AM
Janet Finch-Saunders AM
John Griffiths AM
Mike Hedges AM
Gwyn R Price AM
Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM

Witnesses:

Lesley Griffiths AM, The Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty, Welsh Government
Simon White, Welsh Government
Neil Buffin, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Sarah Beasley (Clerk)
Claire Morris (Second Clerk)
Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk)
Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk)
Sarah Sargent (Deputy Clerk)
Matthew Richards (Legal Adviser)
Helen Roberts (Legal Adviser)

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 Mark Isherwood and Gwenda Thomas AM. John Griffiths AM substituted for Gwenda Thomas AM in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.

1.3 Alun Davies AM and Janet Finch-Saunders AM declared interests as landlords in the private rented sector.

2 Renting Homes (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 1 – 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 The Minister agreed to write to the Committee with:

- an explanation of how the definition of ‘carer’ contained within the Renting Homes (Wales) Bill differs to the definition used in the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, and the reasons for these differences; and
- details of any evidence relating to the number of retaliatory eviction claims in Wales.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The Committee noted the Paper.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting (discussion of evidence received under item 2, and consideration of the draft report on the Local Government (Wales) Bill)

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

5 Renting Homes (Wales) Bill: discussion of evidence received in session 1

5. The Committee discussed the evidence received from the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty and her officials.

5.1 Renting Homes (Wales) Bill: consultation responses

6 Local Government (Wales) Bill: consideration of draft report

6. The Committee discussed the Draft Report.