

Concise Minutes – Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: 24 June 2015

Meeting time: 09.00 – 11.17

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Christine Chapman AM (Chair) Peter Black AM Sandy Mewies 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:	Leighton Andrews AM, The Minister for Public Services Sharon Barry, Welsh Government Gareth Thomas, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Sarah Beasley (Clerk)



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	Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk)
	Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk)
	Matthew Richards (Legal Adviser)

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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 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 Alun Davies AM. John Griffiths AM and Sandy Mewies AM substituted for them in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.
- 1.3 Peter Black AM declared an interest as a councillor for a local authority.

2 Local Government (Wales) Bill – Stage 2 – consideration of amendments

In accordance with Standing Order 26.21, the Committee disposed of the following amendments to the Bill:

Amendment 2 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 48 (Janet Finch–Saunders)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Janet Finch–Saunders	Christine Chapman	Rhodri Glyn Thomas
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	Jocelyn Davies
Peter Black	Gwyn Price	
	Mike Hedges	
	Sandy Mewies	

Amendment 48 was not agreed.

Amendment 28 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Janet Finch–Saunders	Christine Chapman	
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	
Peter Black	Gwyn Price	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Mike Hedges	
Jocelyn Davies	Sandy Mewies	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 28 was not agreed.		

Amendment 40 (Rhodri Glyn Thomas)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Christine Chapman	Janet Finch–Saunders
Jocelyn Davies	John Griffiths	Mark Isherwood
Peter Black	Gwyn Price	
	Mike Hedges	
	Sandy Mewies	
Amendment 40 was not agreed.		

As amendment 40 was not agreed, amendment 41 (Rhodri Glyn Thomas) fell.

Amendment 42 (Rhodri Glyn Thomas)

In favour	Against	Abstain
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Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Christine Chapman	Mark Isherwood
Jocelyn Davies	John Griffiths	Janet Finch–Saunders
Peter Black	Gwyn Price	
	Mike Hedges	
	Sandy Mewies	
Amendment 42 was not agreed.		

As amendment 42 was not agreed, amendment 43 (Rhodri Glyn Thomas) fell.

Amendment 44 (Rhodri Glyn Thomas)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Christine Chapman	Janet Finch–Saunders
Jocelyn Davies	John Griffiths	Mark Isherwood
Peter Black	Gwyn Price	
	Mike Hedges	
	Sandy Mewies	
Amendment 44 was not agreed.		

As amendment 44 was not agreed, amendment 45 (Rhodri Glyn Thomas) fell.

Amendment 46 (Rhodri Glyn Thomas)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Christine Chapman	Janet Finch–Saunders
Jocelyn Davies	John Griffiths	Mark Isherwood
Peter Black	Gwyn Price	
	Mike Hedges	

	Sandy Mewies	
Amendment 46 was not agreed.		

As amendment 46 was not agreed, amendment 47 (Rhodri Glyn Thomas) fell.

Amendment 49 (Janet Finch–Saunders)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Janet Finch–Saunders	Christine Chapman	Rhodri Glyn Thomas
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	Jocelyn Davies
Peter Black	Gwyn Price	
	Mike Hedges	
	Sandy Mewies	
Amendment 49 was not agreed.		

Amendment 50 (Janet Finch–Saunders)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Janet Finch–Saunders	Christine Chapman	Rhodri Glyn Thomas
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	Jocelyn Davies
Peter Black	Gwyn Price	
	Mike Hedges	
	Sandy Mewies	
Amendment 50 was not agreed.		

Amendment 51 (Janet Finch–Saunders)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Janet Finch–Saunders	Christine Chapman	Rhodri Glyn Thomas

Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	Jocelyn Davies
Peter Black	Gwyn Price	
	Mike Hedges	
	Sandy Mewies	
Amendment 51 was not agreed.		

Amendment 3 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 4 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 52 (Janet Finch–Saunders)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Janet Finch–Saunders	Christine Chapman	
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	
Peter Black	Gwyn Price	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Mike Hedges	
Jocelyn Davies	Sandy Mewies	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 52 was not agreed.		

Amendment 53 (Janet Finch–Saunders)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Janet Finch–Saunders	Christine Chapman	
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	

Peter Black	Gwyn Price	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Mike Hedges	
Jocelyn Davies	Sandy Mewies	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 53 was not agreed		

Amendment 20 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 29 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Janet Finch–Saunders	Christine Chapman	
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	
Peter Black	Gwyn Price	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Mike Hedges	
Jocelyn Davies	Sandy Mewies	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 29 was not agreed.		

Amendment 30 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Janet Finch–Saunders	Christine Chapman	
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	
Peter Black	Gwyn Price	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Mike Hedges	

Jocelyn Davies	Sandy Mewies	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 30 was not agreed.		

Amendment 31 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Janet Finch–Saunders	Christine Chapman	
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	
Peter Black	Gwyn Price	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Mike Hedges	
Jocelyn Davies	Sandy Mewies	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 31 was not agreed.		

Amendment 21 (Leighton Andrews)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Christine Chapman	Janet Finch–Saunders	
John Griffiths	Mark Isherwood	
Gwyn Price		
Mike Hedges		
Sandy Mewies		
Peter Black		
Rhodri Glyn Thomas		
Jocelyn Davies		
Amendment 21 was agreed.		

Amendment 22 (Leighton Andrews)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Christine Chapman	Janet Finch–Saunders	
John Griffiths	Mark Isherwood	
Gwyn Price		
Mike Hedges		
Sandy Mewies		
Peter Black		
Rhodri Glyn Thomas		
Jocelyn Davies		
Amendment 22 was agreed.		

Amendment 23 (Leighton Andrews)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Christine Chapman	Janet Finch–Saunders	
John Griffiths	Mark Isherwood	
Gwyn Price		
Mike Hedges		
Sandy Mewies		
Peter Black		
Rhodri Glyn Thomas		
Jocelyn Davies		
Amendment 23 was agreed.		

Amendment 24 (Leighton Andrews)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Christine Chapman	Janet Finch–Saunders	
John Griffiths	Mark Isherwood	
Gwyn Price		
Mike Hedges		
Sandy Mewies		
Peter Black		
Rhodri Glyn Thomas		
Jocelyn Davies		
Amendment 24 was agreed.		

Amendment 25 (Leighton Andrews)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Christine Chapman	Janet Finch–Saunders	
John Griffiths	Mark Isherwood	
Gwyn Price		
Mike Hedges		
Sandy Mewies		
Peter Black		
Rhodri Glyn Thomas		
Jocelyn Davies		
Amendment 25 was agreed.		

Amendment 32 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	

Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Jocelyn Davies	Gwyn Price	
	Mike Hedges	
	Sandy Mewies	
	Janet Finch–Saunders	
	Mark Isherwood	
Amendment 32 was not agreed.		

As amendment 32 was not agreed, amendments 33 and 56 (Peter Black) fell.

Amendment 5 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 6 (Leighton Andrews)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Christine Chapman	Peter Black	
John Griffiths		
Gwyn Price		
Mike Hedges		
Sandy Mewies		
Rhodri Glyn Thomas		
Jocelyn Davies		
Janet Finch–Saunders		
Mark Isherwood		
Amendment 6 was agreed.		

Amendment 7 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 8 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 9 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 10 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 11 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 12 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 13 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 14 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 15 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 16 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 54 (Janet Finch–Saunders)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Janet Finch–Saunders	Christine Chapman	
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	
Peter Black	Gwyn Price	
	Mike Hedges	
	Sandy Mewies	
	Rhodri Glyn Thomas	
	Jocelyn Davies	
Amendment 54 was not agreed.		

Amendment 55 (Janet Finch–Saunders)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Janet Finch–Saunders	Christine Chapman	
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	
Peter Black	Gwyn Price	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Mike Hedges	
Jocelyn Davies	Sandy Mewies	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 55 was not agreed.		

Amendment 26 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 27 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 34 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Janet Finch–Saunders	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Mike Hedges	
Jocelyn Davies	Sandy Mewies	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 34 was not agreed.		

Amendment 35 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Janet Finch–Saunders	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Mike Hedges	
Jocelyn Davies	Sandy Mewies	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 35 was not agreed		

As amendment 35 was not agreed, amendment 39 (Peter Black) fell.

Amendment 36 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Janet Finch–Saunders	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Mike Hedges	
Jocelyn Davies	Sandy Mewies	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 36 was not agreed		

Amendment 37 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Janet Finch–Saunders	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Mike Hedges	
Jocelyn Davies	Sandy Mewies	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 37 was not agreed		

Amendment 38 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Janet Finch–Saunders	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Mike Hedges	

Jocelyn Davies	Sandy Mewies	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 38 was not agreed		

Amendment 17 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 1 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 18 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 19 (Leighton Andrews) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

3 Papers to note

3.1 The Committee noted the papers.