

Concise Minutes – Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 27 January
2016

Meeting time: 09.01 – 11.27

This meeting can be viewed

on [Senedd TV](#) at:

<http://senedd.tv/en/3367>

Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Christine Chapman AM (Chair) Peter Black AM Alun Davies AM Mike Hedges AM Mark Isherwood AM Bethan Jenkins AM Gwyn R Price AM John Griffiths AM (In place of Gwenda Thomas AM)
Witnesses:	Lesley Griffiths AM, The Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty, Welsh Government Eleanor Marks, Welsh Government Maureen Howell, Welsh Government Chris Gittins, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Sarah Beasley (Clerk)



Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales

Transcript

View the [meeting transcript](#) (PDF 295KB) [View as HTML](#) (332KB)

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, Janet Finch – Saunders AM, Lindsay Whittle AM. John Griffiths substituted for Gwenda Thomas in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.

2 Inquiry into Poverty in Wales: community-based approaches to tackling poverty: Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty
- Eleanor Marks, Director, Communities and Tackling Poverty
- Maureen Howell, Deputy Director, Tackling poverty Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister

2.2 Peter Black AM, declared a relevant interest, under Standing order 17.24A:

3 Refreshed Financial Inclusion Strategy: Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty
- Chris Gittins, Head of Financial Inclusion Unit
- Eleanor Marks, Director, Communities and Tackling Poverty

3.2 The following Members declared a relevant interest under Standing Order 17.24A:

- Peter Black
- Christine Chapman
- John Griffiths
- Lesley Griffiths

4 Papers to note

4.1 The Committee noted the paper.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

6 Inquiry into Poverty in Wales: community-based approaches to tackling poverty: discussion of evidence from Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

6.1 Members discussed the evidence heard during item 2 and agreed to write to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty.

7 Refreshed Financial Inclusion Strategy: discussion of evidence from Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

7.1 Members discussed the evidence heard during item 3 and agreed to write to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty.

8 Scrutiny of Welsh Government draft budget 2016/17: consideration of draft letters to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty, Minister for Finance and Government Business, and the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism

8.1 Members discussed and agreed the letters to the Minister for Finance and Government Business, the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty and the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism.

9 Consideration of LCM on the Housing and Planning Bill: enfranchisement and extension of long leaseholds – consideration of draft report

9.1 Members discussed and agreed the report.