

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Thursday, 3 November
2016

Meeting time: 08.45 – 11.00

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Paul Davies AM (In place of Janet Finch–Saunders AM) Siân Gwenllïan AM Bethan Jenkins AM Rhianon Passmore AM Jenny Rathbone AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Mark Drakeford AM, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government Debra Carter, Welsh Government Reg Kilpatrick, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Osian Bowyer (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 Apologies were received from Janet Finch–Saunders AM. Paul Davies AM substituted for Janet Finch–Saunders AM, in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.

2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government draft budget 2017–18 (Local Government Main Expenditure Group (MEG))

2.1. The Committee received evidence from:

- Mark Drakeford AM, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government
- Reg Kilpatrick, Director for Local Government
- Debra Carter, Deputy Director Local Government Finance Policy

3 Papers to note

3.1 Correspondence between Chair and Estyn regarding Post–legislative scrutiny work on the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 – education on healthy relationships

3.1.a. The Committee noted the correspondence between the Chair and Estyn.

3.2 Correspondence between Chair and Cabinet Secretary for Education regarding Post–legislative scrutiny work on the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 – education on healthy relationships

3.2.a. The Committee noted the correspondence between the Chair and the Cabinet Secretary for Education.

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

4.1. The Committee agreed the motion.

5 Welsh Government draft budget 2017–18 – Consideration of evidence

5.1. The Committee discussed the evidence received and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government setting out its views on the draft budget 2017–18, relating to the local government portfolio.