

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 11 January
2017

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.15

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Janet Finch-Saunders AM Siân Gwenllïan AM Bethan Jenkins AM Jenny Rathbone AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	Christopher Warner (Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Hannah Johnson (Researcher) Stephen Davies (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 Gareth Bennett AM and Rhianon Passmore AM.

2 Inquiry into refugees and asylum seekers in Wales: evidence session 7

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Dr Mike Chick, University South Wales

3 Inquiry into refugees and asylum seekers in Wales: evidence session 8

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Alicja Zalesinska, Director, Tai Pawb

3.2 Tai Pawb agreed to provide:

- Details on the impact of the Right to Rent checks on individuals who have been refused asylum and who have no recourse to public funds;
- Information on why there are increasing numbers of refused asylum seekers being evicted from asylum accommodation in recent years.

4 Inquiry into refugees and asylum seekers in Wales: evidence session 9

4.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Canon Aled Edwards, Displaced People in Action
- Faruk Ogut, Resettlement Project Co-ordinator, Displaced People in Action

4.2 Displaced People in Action agreed to provide:

- Information about a mentoring project run by Sova which encouraged unaccompanied minors wishing to tell their stories to do so in a secure environment;
- Information about Wales Strategic Migration Partnership discussions in relation to providing refugees with the same 56-day move on period that others at risk of homelessness have.

5 Paper(s) to note

5.1 Correspondence from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales in relation to scrutiny of the annual report 2015–16

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5.8 Correspondence from Cytun in relation to the Welsh Government's consultation on Talk Communities

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6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

6.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

7 Inquiry into refugees and asylum seekers in Wales – consideration of evidence under items 2, 3 and 4

7.1 The Committee discussed the evidence under items 2,3 and 4