

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 3 May 2017

Meeting time: 09.05 – 11.10

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Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Assembly Members: | John Griffiths AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM David Melding AM (In place of Janet Finch–Saunders AM) Siân Gwenllïan AM Bethan Jenkins AM Rhianon Passmore AM Jenny Rathbone AM Joyce Watson AM |
| Witnesses: | |
| Committee Staff: | Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Jonathan Baxter (Researcher) Jon Tomkinson (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 Janet Finch–Saunders AM. David Melding AM substituted in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.

2 Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill – evidence session 2

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Stuart Ropke, Chief Executive, Community Housing Cymru
- Joe Logan, Chief Executive, Tai Calon
- Ffrancon Williams, Chief Executive, Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd
- Debbie Green, Chief Executive, Coastal Housing

3 Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill – evidence session 3

3.1 The Committee received evidence from Jennie Bibbings, Campaigns Manager, Shelter Cymru.

3.2 During the session Shelter Cymru agreed to provide the number of cases dealt with of privately renting homes that were formerly purchased under the right to buy.

4 Paper(s) to note

4.1 Correspondence with the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children in relation to violence against women

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4.2 Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children in relation to Communities First – lessons learnt

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4.3 Letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee in relation to the ‘Reforming local government: Resilient and Renewed’ White Paper

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4.4 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children in relation to the Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill

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4.5 Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government in relation to human rights in Wales

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4.6 Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government in relation to local government reform

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

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

6 Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill – consideration of evidence received under items 2 and 3

6.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under items 2 and 3.