

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 21 June 2017

Meeting time: 09.07 – 12.16

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Janet Finch–Saunders AM Bethan Jenkins AM Rhianon Passmore AM Jenny Rathbone AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Jonathan Baxter (Researcher) 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 Sian Gwenllian AM. David Melding AM substituted for Janet Finch–Saunders AM for item 6 of the meeting.

2 Inquiry into poverty in Wales: Communities First – lessons learnt – evidence session 4: Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Carl Sargeant AM, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children.
- Jo–Anne Daniels, Director, Communities & Tackling Poverty
- Ruth Studley, Deputy Director, Communities First Transition

2.2 During the session the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children agreed to provide:

- Details of the process for querying public service boards' Well–being plans, as outlined in the Well–being of Future Generations (Wales) Act;
- A note of the discussions between the Welsh Government and local authorities, local delivery boards and public service boards on transitional arrangements;
- A copy of the Transition and Strategy Guidance provided to local authorities;
- A note on the evaluation of the Communities for Work and Lift programmes, including any available data and the assessment criteria;
- A note providing further detail on the employability pathway following engagement on the Lift and Communities for Work programmes;
- A copy of the guidance on the capital asset programme.

3 Paper(s) to note

3.1 Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children in relation to the Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill – 9 June 2017

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3.2 Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children in relation to the Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill – 13 June 2017

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3.3 Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee in relation to scrutiny of the draft budget

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

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

5 Inquiry into poverty in Wales: Communities First – lessons learnt – consideration of evidence received under item 2

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under item 2 and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary on a number of matters raised.

6 Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill: consideration of draft report

6.1 The Committee considered and agreed the draft report subject to minor changes.

7 Inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales: consideration of approach

7.1 The Committee considered its approach and agreed to undertake a one-day inquiry on 13 July 2017.