

# Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 25 May 2017

Meeting time: 09.00 – 10.20

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) David Melding AM (In place of Janet Finch–Saunders AM) Siân Gwenllïan AM Bethan Jenkins AM Jeremy Miles AM (In place of Rhianon Passmore AM) Jenny Rathbone AM Huw Irranca–Davies AM (In place of Joyce Watson AM)
Witnesses:	Carl Sargeant AM John G Rees, Welsh Government Katie Wilson, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Jonathan Baxter (Researcher) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser)



## Transcript

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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, Rhiannon Passmore AM, Joyce Watson AM and Gareth Bennett AM. David Melding AM, Jeremy Miles AM, Huw Irranca–Davies AM substituted for Janet, Rhianon and Joyce in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.

### **2 Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill: evidence session 7 – Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children**

2.1. The Committee received evidence from:

- Carl Sargeant AM, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children
- John G Rees, Bill Manager, Welsh Government
- Katie Wilson, Lawyer, Welsh Government

2.2 The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children agreed to provide:

- the number of properties likely to be affected by the proposed restrictions on newly-let dwellings, and
- details of the consultation undertaken process undertaken for abolition that was carried out ahead of the Bill's introduction.

### **3 Paper(s) to note**

**3.1 Correspondence from the First Minister to the Chair of the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister in relation to poverty**

3.1.a The Committee noted the correspondence from the First Minister to the Chair of the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister in relation to poverty.

**3.2 Letter from Wrexham County Borough Council in relation to the Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill**

3.2.a The Committee noted the letter from Wrexham County Borough Council in relation to the Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill.

### **3.3 Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children in relation to the Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill**

3.3.a The Committee noted the letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children in relation to the Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill.

### **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 Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill: consideration of key issues**

5.1 The Committee considered the key issues for the Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill to inform its draft report and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children on matters raised during the session.

#### **5.1 Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill: Consultation Pack**