

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 15 June 2017

Meeting time: 09.07 – 12.44

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM 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 Paul Webb, Devolved Services Reform Nicola Charles, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Jonathan Baxter (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 The following Members declared relevant interests as members of unions:

- John Griffiths AM;
- Jenny Rathbone AM
- Joyce Watson AM
- Rhianon Passmore AM
- Siân Gwenllïan AM.

2 Trade Union (Wales) Bill – stage 2 proceedings

2.1 In accordance with Standing Order 26.21, the Committee disposed of the following amendments to the Bill:

Amendment 1 (Janet Finch–Saunders)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Janet Finch–Saunders	Gareth Bennett	
	Siân Gwenllïan	
	Jenny Rathbone	
	Bethan Jenkins	
	Joyce Watson	

	Rhianon Passmore	
Amendment 1 was not agreed.		

Amendment 2 (Janet Finch–Saunders)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Janet Finch–Saunders	Gareth Bennett	
	Siân Gwenllian	
	Jenny Rathbone	
	Bethan Jenkins	
	Joyce Watson	
	Rhianon Passmore	
Amendment 2 was not agreed.		

Amendment 3 (Janet Finch–Saunders)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Janet Finch–Saunders	John Griffiths	
	Gareth Bennett	
	Siân Gwenllian	
	Jenny Rathbone	
	Bethan Jenkins	
	Joyce Watson	
	Rhianon Passmore	
Amendment 3 was not agreed.		

Amendment 4 (Mark Drakeford)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
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John Griffiths		Janet Finch–Saunders
Gareth Bennett		
Siân Gwenllian		
Jenny Rathbone		
Bethan Jenkins		
Joyce Watson		
Rhianon Passmore		
Amendment 4 was agreed.		

Amendment 5 (Mark Drakeford)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Janet Finch–Saunders
Gareth Bennett		
Siân Gwenllian		
Jenny Rathbone		
Bethan Jenkins		
Joyce Watson		
Rhianon Passmore		
Amendment 5 was agreed.		

Amendment 6 (Mark Drakeford)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Janet Finch–Saunders
Gareth Bennett		
Siân Gwenllian		
Jenny Rathbone		

Bethan Jenkins		
Joyce Watson		
Rhianon Passmore		
Amendment 6 was agreed.		

Amendment 7 (Mark Drakeford)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths	Janet Finch–Saunders	
Gareth Bennett		
Siân Gwenllian		
Jenny Rathbone		
Bethan Jenkins		
Joyce Watson		
Rhianon Passmore		
Amendment 7 was agreed.		

Amendment 8 (Mark Drakeford)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths	Janet Finch–Saunders	
Gareth Bennett		
Siân Gwenllian		
Jenny Rathbone		
Bethan Jenkins		
Joyce Watson		
Rhianon Passmore		
Amendment 8 was agreed.		

Amendment 9 (Mark Drakeford)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths	Janet Finch–Saunders	
Gareth Bennett		
Siân Gwenllïan		
Jenny Rathbone		
Bethan Jenkins		
Joyce Watson		
Rhianon Passmore		
Amendment 9 was agreed.		

2.2 The Chair confirmed that all sections of the Bill have been deemed agreed, completing Stage 2 proceedings.

3 Paper(s) to note

3.1 Letter to the Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee in relation to the Great Repeal Bill White Paper

3.1.a The Committee noted the letter to the Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee in relation to the Great Repeal Bill White Paper.

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 Forward work planning – autumn 2017

5.1 The Committee discussed the forward work programme for autumn 2017 and agreed to consider potential inquiries in further detail.

6 Preparation for debate on the report on refugees and asylum seekers in Wales

6.1. The Committee discussed the preparation for debate on the report on refugees and asylum seekers in Wales.

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

7.1. The Committee considered its draft report on the Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill.