

# Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2

Meeting date: Thursday, 5 October 2017

Meeting time: 09.03 – 12.00

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Siân Gwenllïan AM Bethan Jenkins AM Rhianon Passmore AM Jenny Rathbone AM Joyce Watson AM David Melding AM (In place of Janet Finch–Saunders AM)
Witnesses:	Carl Sargeant AM, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children Emma Williams, Welsh Government Katie Wilson, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk)



	Osian Bowyer (Researcher)
	Hannah Johnson (Researcher)
	Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser)
	Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser)

## 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 for Janet.

## 2 Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (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 21 (David Melding)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Gareth Bennett AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Sian Gwenllian AM	
	Bethan Jenkins AM	
	Rhianon Passmore AM	
	Jenny Rathbone AM	
	Joyce Watson AM	
<b>Amendment 21 was not agreed.</b>		

### Amendment 22 (David Melding)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
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Gareth Bennett AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Sian Gwenllian AM	
	Bethan Jenkins AM	
	Rhianon Passmore AM	
	Jenny Rathbone AM	
	Joyce Watson AM	
<b>Amendment 22 was not agreed.</b>		

**Amendment 2 (Carl Sargeant)** was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

**Amendment 3 (Carl Sargeant)** was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

**Amendment 4 (Carl Sargeant)** was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

**Amendment 31 (David Melding)** was not moved.

**Amendment 32 (David Melding)** was not moved.

**Amendment 23 (David Melding)** was withdrawn in accordance with Standing Order 26.66(i).

**Amendment 24 (David Melding)**

<b>In Favour</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Gareth Bennett AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Sian Gwenllian AM	
	Bethan Jenkins AM	

	Rhianon Passmore AM	
	Jenny Rathbone AM	
	Joyce Watson AM	
<b>Amendment 24 was not agreed.</b>		

**Amendment 5A (David Melding) fell.**

**Amendment 5 (Carl Sargeant) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).**

**Amendment 25 (David Melding) fell.**

**Amendment 26 (David Melding) fell.**

**Amendment 33 (Bethan Jenkins)**

<b>In Favour</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Gareth Bennett AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Rhianon Passmore AM	
Sian Gwenllian AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
Bethan Jenkins AM	Joyce Watson AM	
<b>As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 33 was not agreed.</b>		

**Amendment 6 (Carl Sargeant) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).**

**Amendment 7 (Carl Sargeant)** was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

**Amendment 8 (Carl Sargeant)** was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

**Amendment 34 (Bethan Jenkins)** was not moved.

**Amendment 9 (Carl Sargeant)** was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

**Amendment 27 (David Melding)**

<b>In Favour</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Gareth Bennett AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Sian Gwenllian AM	
	Bethan Jenkins AM	
	Rhianon Passmore AM	
	Jenny Rathbone AM	
	Joyce Watson AM	
<b>Amendment 27 was not agreed.</b>		

**Amendment 10 (Carl Sargeant)** was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

**Amendment 11 (Carl Sargeant)** was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

**Amendment 12 (Carl Sargeant)** was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

**Amendment 13 (Carl Sargeant)** was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

**Amendment 14 (Carl Sargeant)** was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

**Amendment 28 (David Melding)** fell.

**Amendment 29 (David Melding)** fell.

**Amendment 30 (David Melding)**

<b>In Favour</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Gareth Bennett AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Sian Gwenllian AM	
	Bethan Jenkins AM	
	Rhianon Passmore AM	
	Jenny Rathbone AM	
	Joyce Watson AM	
<b>Amendment 30 was not agreed.</b>		

**Amendment 15 (Carl Sargeant)** was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

**Amendment 16 (David Melding)** fell.

**Amendment 17 (David Melding)** fell.

**Amendment 18 (David Melding)** fell.

**Amendment 1 (Carl Sargeant)** was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 19 (David Melding) fell.

Amendment 20 (David Melding) fell.

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

#### **3.1 Additional information from the Wales Construction Federation Alliance in relation to making the economy work for people on low incomes**

3.1.a The Committee noted the additional information from the Wales Construction Federation Alliance in relation to making the economy work for people on low incomes.

#### **3.2 Letter from the Chair of the Communities and Local Government Committee in relation to fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales**

3.2.a The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the Communities and Local Government Committee in relation to fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales.

#### **3.3 Letter from the Llywydd in relation to Senedd@Delyn**

3.3.a The Committee noted the letter from the Llywydd in relation to Senedd@Delyn.

### **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 draft report**

5.1 The Committee discussed the draft report.

### **6 Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill: Consideration of approach to scrutiny (Subject to introduction)**

6.1 The Committee agreed its terms of reference, and discussed its approach to scrutiny.