

Agenda – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: 29 November 2017

Meeting time: 09.00

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Pre-meeting (09.00 – 09.15)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

2 Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill: evidence session 1

(09.15 – 10.15)

(Pages 1 – 22)

Simon Thomas AM, Member in Charge

Gareth Howells, Legal Services, Assembly Commission

Joanne McCarthy, Research Service, Assembly Commission

[Public Services Ombudsman \(Wales\) Bill](#), as introduced

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

Break (10.15 – 10.30)

3 Scrutiny of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales annual report 2016–17

(10.30 – 11.30)

(Pages 23 – 33)

Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

Chris Vinestock, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Investigations

Katrin Shaw, Director of Policy, Legal and Governance

[Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17](#)



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4 Paper(s) to note

4.1 Additional information from the Welsh Local Government Association in relation to the Welsh Government draft budget 2018–19

(Pages 34 – 45)

4.2 Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance to the Chair of the Finance Committee in relation to the Welsh Government draft budget 2018–19

(Pages 46 – 47)

4.3 Correspondence with the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services, the Leader of the House and Chief Whip and the Minister for Housing and Regeneration in relation to the Welsh Government draft budget 2018–19

(Pages 48 – 73)

4.4 Letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration in relation to the Welsh Government draft budget 2018–19

(Pages 74 – 89)

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

6 Scrutiny of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales annual report 2016–17: consideration of evidence received under item 3 (11.30 – 11.35)

7 Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill: consideration of evidence received under item 2 (11.35 – 11.40)

8 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government draft budget 2018–19: consideration of draft report (11.40 – 12.30)

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