

Agenda – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: 25 January 2018

Meeting time: 09.00

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Pre-meeting (09.00 – 09.15)

- 1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

- 2 Inquiry into poverty in Wales: making the economy work for people on low incomes – evidence session 11**
(09.15 – 10.45) (Pages 1 – 71)
Ken Skates AM, Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport
Eluned Morgan AM, Minister for Welsh Language and Lifelong Learning
Marcella Maxwell, Deputy Director for Organisational Development & Change Programme, Welsh Government
Maureen Howell, Deputy Director, Equality and Prosperity, Welsh Government
Rachel Garside-Jones, Acting Deputy Director, Skills, Employability and EU Funding, Welsh Government

- 3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from items 4, 8, 9 and 10 of the meeting**

- 4 Inquiry into poverty in Wales: making the economy work for people on low incomes – discussion of evidence received under item 2**
(10.45 – 10.55)



Break (10.55 – 11.00)

5 Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill: evidence session 11 – financial scrutiny

(11.00 – 12.00)

(Pages 72 – 116)

Simon Thomas AM, Member in Charge

Gareth Howells, Legal Services, Assembly Commission

Joanne McCarthy, Research Service, Assembly Commission

Lunch (12.00 – 12.30)

6 Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill: evidence session 12 – scrutiny of general principles

(12.30 – 14.00)

(Pages 117 – 137)

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Gareth Howells, Legal Services, Assembly Commission

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7 Paper(s) to note

7.1 Letter from Simon Thomas AM in relation to the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill

(Pages 138 – 165)

7.2 Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance in relation to the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill

(Pages 166 – 167)

7.3 Additional information from Citizens Advice Bureau in relation to the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill

(Pages 168 – 170)

7.4 Response from the Welsh Government to the report on the draft budget 2018–19

(Pages 171 – 187)

- 8 Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill: consideration of key issues**
(14.00 – 14.45)
- 9 Consideration of the draft report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum: Financial Guidance and Claims Bill**
(14.45 – 14.50) (Pages 188 – 193)
- 10 Inquiry into pregnancy, maternity and work in Wales: consideration of scope and approach**
(14.50 – 15.00) (Pages 194 – 199)