

# Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – The Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 5 July 2018

Meeting time: 09.00 – 13.01

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Siân Gwenllian AM Bethan Sayed AM Jenny Rathbone AM David Melding AM
Witnesses:	David Cox, Association of Residential Letting Agents Isobel Thomson, National Approved Letting Scheme (NALS) Charlotte Burles Corbett, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Douglas Haig, Residential Landlord Association Chris Norris, National Landlords Association (NLA) Liz Silversmith, Let Down in Wales Hannah Slater, Generation Rent Cerith Rhys – Jones, National Union of Students



Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk)
	Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk)
	Jonathan Baxter (Researcher)
	Hannah Johnson (Researcher)
	Megan Jones (Researcher)
	Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser)
	Stephen Davies (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 Rhianon Passmore AM, Jack Sargeant AM and Janet Finch –Saunders AM. David Melding AM substituted for Janet Finch–Saunders AM.

## **2 Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill – evidence session 2**

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- David Cox, Chief Executive, Association of Residential Letting Agents (ARLA) Propertymark
- Isobel Thomson, Chief Executive, National Approved Letting Scheme (NALS)
- Charlotte Burles Corbett, Managing Director, Parkmans / RICS

## **3 Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill – evidence session 3**

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Douglas Haig, Vice–Chairman and Director for Wales, Residential Landlords Association (RLA)
- Chris Norris, Director of Policy & Practice, National Landlords Association (NLA)

## **4 Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill – evidence session 4**

### **4.1 The Committee received evidence from:**

- Liz Silversmith, Campaign Director, Let Down in Wales
- Cerith D. Rhys Jones, External Affairs Manager, National Union of Students
- Hannah Slater, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Generation Rent

## **5 Papers to note**

### **5.1 Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport in relation to making the economy work for people on low incomes**

5.1.a The Committee noted the letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport in relation to making the economy work for people on low incomes.

### **5.2 Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services in relation to Communities First**

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### **5.3 Letter from the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) in relation to Communities First**

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### **5.4 Letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee in relation to its forward work programme**

5.4.a The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee in relation to its forward work programme.

### **5.5 Letter from the Minister for Children, Older People and Social Care in relation to the Welsh Independent Living Grant**

5.5.a The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Children, Older People and Social Care in relation to the Welsh Independent Living Grant.

## **5.6 Letter to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration in relation to the Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill**

5.6.a The Committee noted the letter to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration in relation to the Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill.

## **5.7 Letter from the Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee to the First Minister in relation to human rights in Wales**

5.7.a The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee to the First Minister in relation to human rights in Wales.

## **5.8 Letter to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration in relation to fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales**

5.8.a The Committee noted the letter to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration in relation to fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales.

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

6.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

## **7 Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill – consideration of the evidence received under items 2, 3 and 4**

7.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under items 2, 3 and 4.

## **8 Inquiry into pregnancy, maternity and work in Wales – consideration of the draft report**

8.1 The Committee discussed and agreed the draft report.