

# Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 29 September 2011**

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Meeting time: **09:30 – 12:01**

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## Concise Minutes:

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### Assembly Members:

**Ann Jones (Chair)**  
**Peter Black**  
**Mike Hedges**  
**Mark Isherwood**  
**Bethan Jenkins**  
**Gwyn Price**  
**Ken Skates**  
**Janet Finch-Saunders**  
**Joyce Watson**

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### Witnesses:

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### Committee Staff:

**Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk)**  
**Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Hannah Johnson (Researcher)**

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## 1. Introduction and Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Rhodri Glyn Thomas. There were no substitutions.

## 2. Disability-related Harassment – Evidence gathering

2.1 The Chair welcomed the following witnesses: Rhian Davies and Miranda French from Disability Wales, Jim Crowe and Karen Warner from Learning Disability Wales, Mark Williams and Bernie Bowen-Thomson from Safer Wales, Naomi Alleyne and David Morgan from the WLGA.

2.2 The Witnesses made presentations and answered questions from Members.

2.3 The WLGA to provide a note on the protocol in place for sharing information regarding vulnerable adults.

2.4 The WLGA to provide a note on the work within schools about disability related harassment.

2.5 The Committee's legal advisor agreed to provide a note on data protection.

### **3. Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting**

3.1 The motion was agreed

### **4. Resolution to establish a Task and Finish Group to consider the future outlook for the media in Wales**

4.1 The Committee agreed the following resolution, in accordance with Standing Order 17.17:

"The Equality, Communities and Local Government Committee resolves to establish a task and finish group, in accordance with Standing Order 17.17, to consider the future outlook for the media in Wales.

The membership of the task and finish group is as follows: Ken Skates; Janet Finch-Saunders; Bethan Jenkins and Peter Black.

The Chair of the task and finish group shall be Ken Skates.

The remit of the task and finish group is to consider and report to the Equality, Communities and Local Government Committee on the future outlook for various media platforms in Wales by undertaking an inquiry into:

The current state of the media in Wales and how new technology and other developments are impacting on this, in the context of continuing concerns about the future of the Welsh broadcast and print media;

What the priorities should be from a Welsh perspective as the UK Government brings forward proposals for its *Communications Bill*;

The opportunities for new media business models to be built in Wales; and

What the Welsh Government is doing to implement the Hargreaves report recommendations and what other steps could be taken to strengthen the media in Wales in terms of content and plurality of provision.

The task and finish group shall cease to exist on 31 January 2012, or when it has reported, whichever is the earliest."

4.3 The Chair of the Task and Finish Group thanked Bethan Jenkins, who had made the original request to establish the group, and her staff, who had assisted the clerking team in advance of the establishment of the group.

### **5. Committee Forward Work Programme**

5.1 The Committee discussed the forward work programme and agreed that the next inquiry would be on social housing. Draft Terms of Reference would be circulated to Members for consideration at the next meeting.

## **6. Papers to Note**

6.1 The Committee noted the papers.

## **Transcript**

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