

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 11 October
2018

Meeting time: 11.00 – 12.14

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Jayne Bryant AM Siân Gwenllïan AM Jenny Rathbone AM David Melding AM
Witnesses:	Rebecca Evans AM, Minister for Housing and Regeneration Emma Williams, Welsh Government Huw Maguire, Welsh Government Francois Samuel, Welsh Government Andy Fry, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Jonathan Baxter (Researcher) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser)



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1 Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill: consideration of the draft report

1.1 The Committee discussed and agreed the draft report.

2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

2.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.

2.2 Apologies for absence were received from Mark Isherwood AM, with David Melding AM as substitute. Apologies were also received from Bethan Sayed AM, Gareth Bennett.

3 Inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales (private sector): evidence session 5

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Rebecca Evans AM, Minister for Housing and Regeneration
- Emma Williams, Deputy Director, Housing Policy Division, Education and Public Services Group, Welsh Government
- Francois Samuel, Head of Building Regulations, Building Regulations, Planning Directorate, Welsh Government
- Andy Fry OBE, Chief Fire and Rescue Advisor and Inspector for Wales, Fire Services Branch, Education and Public Services Group, Welsh Government
- Huw Maguire, Senior Policy Manager, Housing Policy, Education and Public Services Group, Welsh Government

4 Papers to note

4.1 Letter from the Minister for Housing and Regeneration in relation to the Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill

4.1a The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Housing and Regeneration in relation to the Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill

4.2 Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance to the Chair of the Finance Committee in relation to the Welsh Government draft budget 2019–20

4.2a The committee noted the letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance to the Chair of the Finance Committee in relation to the Welsh Government draft budget 2019–20

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

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

6 Inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales (private sector): discussion of the evidence received

6.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received from the Welsh Government