

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 21 November 2018

Meeting time: 09.27 – 12.19

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Jayne Bryant AM Mark Isherwood AM Jenny Rathbone AM Leanne Wood AM
Witnesses:	Debbie Wilcox Daniel Hurford, Welsh Local Government Association Paul Egan, One Voice Wales Jessica Blair, Institute of Welsh Affairs Siân Williams, Conwy County Borough Council
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Osian Bowyer (Researcher)



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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 Siân Gwenllian AM, Jack Sargeant AM and Gareth Bennett AM.

2 Inquiry into diversity in local government: evidence session 1

2.1. The Committee received evidence from:

- Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Welsh Local Government Association Leader and Leader of Newport
- Daniel Hurford, Head of Policy, Welsh Local Government Association
- Siân Williams, Head of Democratic Services, Conwy County Borough Council
- Paul Egan, Deputy Chief Executive, One Voice Wales

3 Inquiry into diversity in local government: evidence session 2

3.1. The Committee received evidence from:

- Jessica Blair, Director, ERS Cymru

4 Papers to note

4.1 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services in relation to the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20

4.1.a The Committee noted the statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services in relation to the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20.

4.2 Inquiry into diversity in local government – survey analysis

4.2.a The Committee noted the survey analysis for the inquiry into diversity in local government.

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 diversity in local government: consideration of the evidence received

6.1. The Committee discussed the evidence received under items 2 and 3.

7 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20: consideration of the draft report

7.1. The Committee discussed the draft report on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20.