

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 29 November 2018

Meeting time: 09.08 – 11.37

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Jayne Bryant AM Jenny Rathbone AM Leanne Wood AM David Melding AM Lee Waters AM
Witnesses:	Rebecca Evans AM, Minister for Housing and Regeneration Emma Williams, Welsh Government Helen Kellaway, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) 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 Siân Gwenllïan AM, Jack Sargeant AM and Mark Isherwood AM. Lee Waters AM substituted for Jack Sargeant AM, and David Melding AM substituted for Mark Isherwood AM.

2 Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill: Stage 2 proceedings

Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill – Stage 2 proceedings

Rebecca Evans AM, Minister for Housing and Regeneration

Emma Williams, Deputy Director, Housing Policy Division, Welsh Government

Helen Kellaway, Lawyer, Welsh Government

Documents relevant to Stage 2 proceedings are available on the Bill page.

The Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee agreed on 21 September 2017, under Standing Order 26.21, that the order of consideration for Stage 2 proceedings will be:

- Sections 2 to 6
- Schedule 1 (introduced by section 6)
- Sections 7 to 12
- Section 1 (Overview of the Bill)
- Long title

2.1 In accordance with Standing Order 26.21, the Committee disposed of the following amendments to the Bill:

Amendment 30 (David Melding AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
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Gareth Bennett AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
Leanne Wood AM	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
Amendment 30 was not agreed.		

Amendment 15 (Leanne Wood AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Gareth Bennett AM	John Griffiths AM	
Leanne Wood AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
	David Melding AM	
Amendment 15 was not agreed.		

Amendment 16 (Leanne Wood AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Gareth Bennett AM	John Griffiths AM	
Leanne Wood AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
	David Melding AM	
Amendment 16 was not agreed.		

Amendment 31 (David Melding AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Gareth Bennett AM	John Griffiths AM	

Leanne Wood AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
David Melding AM	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
Amendment 31 was not agreed.		

Amendment 17 (Leanne Wood AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Gareth Bennett AM	John Griffiths AM	
Leanne Wood AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
	David Melding AM	
Amendment 17 was not agreed.		

Amendment 18 (Leanne Wood AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Gareth Bennett AM	John Griffiths AM	
Leanne Wood AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
	David Melding AM	
Amendment 18 was not agreed.		

Amendment 1 (Rebecca Evans AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Gareth Bennett AM		

Leanne Wood AM		
John Griffiths AM		
Jenny Rathbone AM		
Jayne Bryant AM		
Lee Waters AM		
David Melding AM		
Amendment 1 was agreed.		

Amendment 2 (Rebecca Evans AM) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 3 (Rebecca Evans AM) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 4 (Rebecca Evans AM) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 5 (Rebecca Evans AM) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 19 (Leanne Wood AM) was not moved.

Amendment 32 (David Melding AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Gareth Bennett AM	John Griffiths AM	
Leanne Wood AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
David Melding AM	Jayne Bryant AM	

	Lee Waters AM	
Amendment 32 was not agreed.		

Amendment 51 (David Melding AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Gareth Bennett AM	John Griffiths AM	
Leanne Wood AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
David Melding AM	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
Amendment 51 was not agreed.		

Amendment 10 (Rebecca Evans AM) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 11 (Rebecca Evans AM) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 12 (Rebecca Evans AM) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 13 (Rebecca Evans AM) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 21 (Leanne Wood AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
	Jenny Rathbone AM	

	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
	David Melding AM	
	Gareth Bennett AM	
Amendment 21 was not agreed.		

Amendment 22 (Leanne Wood AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
	Jenny Rathbone AM	
	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
	David Melding AM	
	Gareth Bennett AM	
Amendment 22 was not agreed.		

Amendment 23 (Leanne Wood AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
	Jenny Rathbone AM	
	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
	David Melding AM	
	Gareth Bennett AM	
Amendment 23 was not agreed.		

Amendment 24 (Leanne Wood AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
	Jenny Rathbone AM	
	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
	David Melding AM	
	Gareth Bennett AM	
Amendment 24 was not agreed.		

Amendment 25 (Leanne Wood AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
	Jenny Rathbone AM	
	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
	David Melding AM	
	Gareth Bennett AM	
Amendment 25 was not agreed.		

Amendment 26 (Leanne Wood AM) was not moved.

Amendment 52 (David Melding AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	

Gareth Bennett AM	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
Amendment 52 was not agreed.		

Amendment 6 (Rebecca Evans AM) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 27 (Leanne Wood AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
	Jenny Rathbone AM	
	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
	David Melding AM	
	Gareth Bennett AM	
Amendment 27 was not agreed.		

Amendment 28 (Leanne Wood AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
	Jenny Rathbone AM	
	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
	David Melding AM	
	Gareth Bennett AM	
Amendment 28 was not agreed.		

Amendment 14 (Rebecca Evans AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	David Melding AM	
John Griffiths AM		
Jenny Rathbone AM		
Jayne Bryant AM		
Lee Waters AM		
Gareth Bennett AM		
Amendment 14 was agreed.		

Amendment 29 (Leanne Wood AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	David Melding AM	
	Gareth Bennett AM	
	John Griffiths AM	
	Jenny Rathbone AM	
	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
Amendment 29 was not agreed.		

Amendment 33 (David Melding AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
Gareth Bennett AM	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	

Amendment 33 was not agreed.

Amendment 34 (David Melding AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
Gareth Bennett AM	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
Amendment 34 was not agreed.		

Amendment 7 (Rebecca Evans AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths AM	Leanne Wood AM	
Jenny Rathbone AM	David Melding AM	
Jayne Bryant AM	Gareth Bennett AM	
Lee Waters AM		
Amendment 7 was agreed.		

Amendment 35 (David Melding AM) fell.

Amendment 36 (David Melding AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
Gareth Bennett AM	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	

Amendment 36 was not agreed.

Amendment 37 (David Melding AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
Gareth Bennett AM	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
Amendment 37 was not agreed.		

Amendment 38 (David Melding AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
Gareth Bennett AM	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
Amendment 38 was not agreed.		

Amendment 39 (David Melding AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
Gareth Bennett AM	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
Amendment 39 was not agreed.		

Amendment 40 (David Melding AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
Gareth Bennett AM	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
Amendment 40 was not agreed.		

Amendment 8 (Rebecca Evans AM) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 41 (David Melding AM) was not moved.

Amendment 42 (David Melding AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
Gareth Bennett AM	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
Amendment 42 was not agreed.		

Amendment 43 (David Melding AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
Gareth Bennett AM	Jayne Bryant AM	

	Lee Waters AM	
Amendment 43 was not agreed.		

Amendment 44 (David Melding AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
Gareth Bennett AM	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
Amendment 44 was not agreed.		

Amendment 45 (David Melding AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
Gareth Bennett AM	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
Amendment 45 was not agreed.		

Amendment 9 (Rebecca Evans AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths AM	David Melding AM	
Jenny Rathbone AM	Gareth Bennett AM	
Jayne Bryant AM		
Lee Waters AM		
Leanne Wood AM		

Amendment 9 was agreed.

Amendment 46 (David Melding AM) fell.

Amendment 47 (David Melding AM) fell.

Amendment 20 (Leanne Wood AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	David Melding AM	
	Gareth Bennett AM	
	John Griffiths AM	
	Jenny Rathbone AM	
	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
Amendment 20 was not agreed.		

Amendment 48 (David Melding AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
Gareth Bennett AM	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
Amendment 48 was not agreed.		

Amendment 49 (David Melding AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
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Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
Gareth Bennett AM	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
Amendment 49 was not agreed.		

Amendment 49 (David Melding AM)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Leanne Wood AM	John Griffiths AM	
David Melding AM	Jenny Rathbone AM	
Gareth Bennett AM	Jayne Bryant AM	
	Lee Waters AM	
Amendment 49 was not agreed.		

Amendment 50 (David Melding AM) was not moved.