

Agenda – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 9 January 2019

Meeting time: 09.15

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Pre-meeting (09.45 – 10.00)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

2 Scrutiny of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18

(09.30 – 10.30)

(Pages 1 – 13)

Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

Chris Vinestock Chief Operating Officer and Director of Investigations

Katrin Shaw Director of Policy, Legal & Governance

[Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: annual report and accounts 2017/18](#)

3 Inquiry into diversity in local government: evidence session 6

(10.30 – 11.45)

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Julie James AM, Minister for Housing and Local Government

Lisa James, Deputy Director, Local Government Democracy, Welsh Government

Angharad Thomas-Richards, Electoral Reform Programme Adviser, Welsh Government

4 Paper(s) to note

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- 4.1 Letter from the Llywydd to the then First Minister in relation to Brexit-related legislation**
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- 4.2 Letter from the then Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services in relation to the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20**
(Pages 36 – 37)
- 4.3 Letter from the then Minister for Housing and Regeneration in relation to the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20**
(Pages 38 – 40)
- 4.4 Correspondence between the Chair and the then Leader of the House and Chief Whip in relation to pregnancy, maternity and work**
(Pages 41 – 47)
- 4.5 Letter from the Llywydd in relation to Assembly reform: Electoral Commission financing and accountability**
(Pages 48 – 50)
- 5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**
- 6 Scrutiny of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18: consideration of the evidence received**
(11.45 – 11.50)
- 7 Inquiry into diversity in local government: consideration of the evidence received**
(11.50 – 12.10)
- 8 Inquiry into devolution of welfare benefits: consideration of approach to the inquiry**
(12.10 – 12.25) (Pages 51 – 58)

- 9 Inquiry into the Blue Badge Scheme in Wales: Eligibility and Implementation: consideration of approach to the inquiry**
(12.25 – 12.40) (Pages 59 – 65)
- 10 Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill: Order of Consideration – agreement in principle ahead of Stage 2 proceedings**
(12.40 – 12.45) (Pages 66 – 71)