

# Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 7 March 2019

Meeting time: 10.00 – 12.11

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Gareth Bennett AM Huw Irranca-Davies AM Mark Isherwood AM Carwyn Jones AM Jenny Rathbone AM Leanne Wood AM
Witnesses:	Elan Closs Stephens, Electoral Commission in Wales Rhydian Thomas, Electoral Commission Rhys George, Association of Electoral Administrators Amanda Bebb, Association of Electoral Administrators Peter Stanyon, Association of Electoral Administrators Baroness Newlove, Victims' Commissioner
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk)



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	Lisa Griffiths (Deputy Clerk) Hannah Johnson (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.

## **2 Inquiry into voting rights for prisoners: evidence session 5**

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Elan Closs Stephens CBE, Electoral Commissioner, Electoral Commission in Wales
- Rhydian Thomas, Head of Electoral Commission, Electoral Commission in Wales
- Rhys George, Chair of the Wales Branch of the Association of Electoral Administrators
- Amanda Bebb, Deputy Chair of the Wales Branch of the Association of Electoral Administrators
- Peter Stanyon, Chief Executive, Association of Electoral Administrators

## **3 Inquiry into voting rights for prisoners: evidence session 6**

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Baroness Newlove, Victims' Commissioner

3.2 During the evidence session, Baroness Newlove agreed to write to the Committee regarding whether any issues related to victims' rights fall within the National Assembly for Wales's devolved competence.

## **4 Papers to note**

### **4.1 Letter from the Equality and Human Rights Commission in relation to the Cumulative Impact Assessment briefing for Committees**

4.1a The Committee noted the letter from the Equality and Human Rights Commission in relation to the Cumulative Impact Assessment briefing for Committees

## **5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and from the meeting on 13 March 2019**

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

## **6 Inquiry into voting rights for prisoners: consideration of oral evidence**

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