

# Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 19 June 2019

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.20

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## Attendance

| Category          | Names  |
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| Assembly Members: | John Griffiths AM (Chair)<br>Dawn Bowden AM<br>Huw Irranca-Davies AM<br>Mark Isherwood AM<br>Caroline Jones AM<br>Siân Gwenllïan AM (In place of Leanne Wood AM) |
| Witnesses:        | Guto Ifan, Wales Governance Centre<br>Cian Sion, Wales Governance Centre<br>Victoria Winckler, Bevan Foundation  |
| Committee Staff:  | Naomi Stocks (Clerk)<br>Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk)<br>Hannah Johnson (Researcher)   |



## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting. The Chair also welcomed Caroline Jones and Dawn Bowden to their first meeting of the Committee. The Chair also thanked Carwyn Jones AM, Jenny Rathbone AM and Mohammad Asghar AM for their contribution to the Committee.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received from Leanne Wood AM, Sian Gwenllian substituted in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.

## **2 Inquiry into benefits in Wales: options for better delivery – Evidence Session 1**

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Guto Ifan, Wales Governance Centre
- Cian Sion, Wales Governance Centre

## **3 Inquiry into benefits in Wales: options for better delivery – Evidence Session 2**

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Dr Victoria Winckler, Bevan Foundation

## **4 Papers to note**

**4.1 Correspondence from Jane Hutt, Deputy Minister and Chief Whip regarding statistical data and equalities – 4 June 2019**

4.1 The Committee noted the correspondence from Jane Hutt, Deputy Minister and Chief Whip regarding statistical data and equalities.

**4.2 Correspondence from the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee regarding the Auditor General for Wales' discussion paper – 6 June 2019**

4.2 The Committee noted the correspondence from the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee regarding the Auditor General for Wales' discussion paper.

**5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and item 1 of the meeting on Thursday 27 June**

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

**6 Inquiry into benefits in Wales: options for better delivery – consideration of evidence received and the visit to Scotland**

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

**7 Consideration of Committee report on Census (Return Particulars and Removal of Penalties) Bill LCM**

7.1 The Committee considered the Committee report on the Census (Return Particulars and Removal of Penalties) Bill LCM .