

Agenda – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: 9 January 2020

Meeting time: 09.00

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Private pre meeting

(08.45–09.00)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(09.00)

2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2020–21: evidence session 1

(09.00–11.00)

(Pages 1 – 104)

Julie James AM, Minister for Housing and Local Government

Hannah Blythyn AM, Deputy Minister for Housing and Local Government

John Howells, Director of Housing and Regeneration, Welsh Government

Reg Kilpatrick, Director – Local Government, Welsh Government

3 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2020–21: evidence session 2

(11.00–11.45)

(Pages 105 – 111)

Jane Hutt AM, Deputy Minister and Chief Whip

Gary Haggaty, Deputy Director Community Safety Division, Welsh

Government

Alyson Francis, Deputy Director, Communities Division, Welsh Government



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4 Papers to note

(11.45–11.50)

- 4.1 Correspondence from the Minister for Housing and Local Government regarding the Representation of the People (Annual Canvass) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2020 – 10 December 2019**

(Pages 112 – 113)

- 4.2 Correspondence to the Deputy Minister for Housing and Local Government regarding the benefits in Wales report response – 16 December 2019**

(Pages 114 – 116)

- 4.3 Correspondence from the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee to Tracey Burke, Director General of the Education and Public Services Group, Welsh Government regarding Financial Management and Governance in Community Councils – 17 December 2019**

(Pages 117 – 119)

- 4.4 Correspondence from the Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee regarding their inquiry into fuel poverty – 18 December 2019**

(Pages 120 – 121)

- 4.5 Correspondence from the Minister for Housing and Local Government in response to the Committee's request for additional information following the meeting on 27 November – 19 December 2019**

(Pages 122 – 130)

- 4.6 Correspondence to the Minister for Housing and Local Government requesting additional information on fire safety following the meeting on 5 December – 20 December 2019**

(Pages 131 – 135)

- 5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from items 6 and 10 of today's meeting**

(11.50)

**6 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2020–21:
consideration of evidence**

(11.50–12.30)

Break

(12.30–13.00)

7 Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill: evidence session 6

(13.00–13.45)

(Pages 136 – 172)

Ceri Stradling, Deputy Chair, Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales

Shereen Williams, Chief Executive, Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales

8 Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill: evidence session 7

(13.45–14.30)

(Pages 173 – 177)

Dominic MacAskill, Regional Manager, UNISON Wales

Amber Courtney, Information Development Organiser UNISON Wales

Mike Payne, GMB Senior Organiser

9 Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill: evidence session 8

(14.30–15.15)

(Pages 178 – 186)

Sally Chapman, Deputy Chief Officer and Monitoring Officer, South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority

Councillor Jan Curtice, Chair, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority

Dave Daycock, Clerk and Monitoring Officer, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority

**10 Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill: consideration of
evidence**

(15.15–15.30)