

# Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Wednesday, 29 January  
2020

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.01

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Dawn Bowden AM Huw Irranca-Davies AM Mark Isherwood AM Delyth Jewell AM Caroline Jones AM
Witnesses:	Julie James AM, Minister for Housing and Local Government Cath Wyatt, Welsh Government Claire Germain, Welsh Government Angharad Thomas-Richards, Welsh Government Lisa James, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk)



	Osian Bowyer (Researcher) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser)
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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 Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill: evidence session 15**

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Julie James AM, Minister for Housing and Local Government
- Claire Germain, Deputy Director Transformation and Partnerships
- Angharad Thomas Richards, Head of Local Government Elections Policy Team
- Lisa James, Deputy Director Local Government Democracy
- Cath Wyatt, Local Government and Elections Bill Manager

2.2 During the meeting, the Minister agreed to share the outcomes of the meetings had with fire and rescue authorities regarding section 162 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill.

## **3 Papers to note**

**3.1 Correspondence from Tai Pawb, CIH Cymru and Shelter Cymru regarding the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill – 16 January 2020**

3.1a The Committee noted the correspondence from Tai Pawb, CIH Cymru and Shelter Cymru regarding the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill.

**3.2 Correspondence from the Minister for Housing and Local Government, Minister for Finance and the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip regarding additional information on the Welsh Government draft budget 2020–21 – 21 January 2020**

3.2a The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister for Housing and Local Government, Minister for Finance and the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip

regarding the additional information required on the Welsh Government draft budget 2020–21.

### **3.3 Correspondence from the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding additional information on the Welsh Government draft budget 2020–21 – 21 January 2020**

3.3a The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding additional information on the Welsh Government draft budget 2020–21.

### **3.4 Correspondence from Cymorth Cymru, Community Housing Cymru and Welsh Women's Aid regarding the Housing Support Grant and the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2020–21 – 22 January 2020**

3.4a The Committee noted the correspondence from Cymorth Cymru, Community Housing Cymru and Welsh Women's Aid regarding the Housing Support Grant and the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2020–21.

## **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting and items 1 and 2 of the meeting on 6 February 2020**

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

## **5 Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill: consideration of evidence and key issues**

5.1 In accordance with Standing Order 17.31, item 5 was cancelled as the meeting was inquorate.

## **6 Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill: consideration of draft timetable**

6.1 In accordance with Standing Order 17.31, item 6 was cancelled as the meeting was inquorate.