

# Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Wednesday, 12 February  
2020

Meeting time: 09.25 – 12.22

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Dawn Bowden AM Mark Isherwood AM Delyth Jewell AM Caroline Jones AM Jack Sargeant AM
Witnesses:	Jane Hutt AM, Deputy Minister and Chief Whip Alyson Francis, Welsh Government Christine Grimshaw, Welsh Government Emma Williams, Welsh Government Simon White, Welsh Government Nia Evans, Policy Adviser on Health and Mental Health, Children’s Commissioner for Wales Rebecca Raikes, Welsh Government



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	Nia Evans, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk) Jonathan Baxter (Researcher) Osian Bowyer (Researcher) Hannah Johnson (Researcher) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser) Katie Wyatt Rhiannon Lewis

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

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received from Huw Irranca-Davies AM. Jack Sargeant AM substituted in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.

## **2 Post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015: follow-up work – evidence session 3**

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Jane Hutt AM, Deputy Minister and Chief Whip
- Alyson Francis, Deputy Director, Communities Division, Welsh Government
- Christine Grimshaw, Head of Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence, Welsh Government

2.2 During the evidence session, the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip agreed to provide:

- A list of the Act's achievements since the last evidence session took place in November 2018;
- A note on the national indicators, including how they're measured, responsibility for delivery, how data is collected;
- The Wales Centre for Public Policy research, when available;
- Links to the toolkit for schools and to the online guidance toolkit.

### **3 Papers to note**

#### **3.1 Welsh Government response to the report "Rough sleeping follow up: Mental health and substance misuse services"**

3.1.a The Committee noted the Welsh Government response to the report "Rough sleeping follow up: Mental health and substance misuse services".

#### **3.2 Additional information provided by the Wales Audit Office in relation to the post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015: follow-up work**

3.2.a The Committee noted the additional information provided by the Wales Audit Office in relation to the post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015: follow-up work.

### **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**

4.1 The motion was agreed.

### **5 Post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015: follow-up work – consideration of the evidence received**

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received.

### **6 Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill: technical briefing**

6.1 The Committee received a technical briefing on the Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill from Welsh Government officials.

## **7 Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill: consideration of scope and approach to scrutiny**

7.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its approach to scrutiny of the Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill.

## **8 Consideration of the forward work programme**

8.1 The Committee discussed its forward work programme.