

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 4 March 2020

Meeting time: 09.26 – 11.35

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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 David Melding AM
Witnesses:	Dr Craig M. Gurney, University of Glasgow Dr Tom Simcock, Edge Hill University
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk) Jonathan Baxter (Researcher) Osian Bowyer (Researcher)



	Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser) Rhiannon Lewis (Legal Adviser) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1. The Committee welcomed Members and members of the public.
- 1.2. David Melding AM substituted for Mark Isherwood AM for items 2 – 5 in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.
- 1.3. Caroline Jones AM and Huw Irranca-Davies AM declared relevant interests in accordance with Standing Order 17.24A.

2 Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill: evidence session 2

- 2.1. The Committee received evidence from:
 - Dr Craig M. Gurney CIHM, Lecturer in Housing, School of Social and Political Sciences (Urban Studies), University of Glasgow
 - Dr Thomas Simcock CMRS, Research Fellow, Unit for Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Edge Hill University

3 Papers to note

3.1 Additional information from the Minister for Housing and Local Government in relation to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill

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3.2 Welsh Government response to the report on the Draft Budget 2020

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3.3 Additional information from the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip in relation to the post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015

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4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

4.1. The Committee agreed the motion.

5 Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill – consideration of the evidence received

5.1. The Committee discussed the evidence received under item 2.

6 Consideration of a letter from the Llywydd in relation to forthcoming legislation

6.1. The Committee discussed the letter from the Llywydd in relation to forthcoming legislation and agreed to respond.

7 Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill – consideration of the draft report

7.1. The Committee considered and agreed its draft report.