

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 19 October
2016

Meeting time: 09.15 – 11.52

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Janet Finch–Saunders AM Siân Gwenllïan AM Rhianon Passmore AM Jenny Rathbone AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Rhian Bowen–Davies, National Adviser for Violence Against Women and other forms of Gender–based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Martin Swain, Welsh Government Carl Sargeant AM, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children
Committee Staff:	Jon Antoniazzi (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk)



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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.
- 1.2. Apologies for absence were received from Bethan Jenkins AM.

2 Post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Act 2015 : Evidence Session 5

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

Rhian Bowen-Davies, National Adviser for Violence Against Women and other forms of Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence

3 Post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Act 2015 : Evidence Session 6

3.1 The committee received evidence from:

Carl Sargeant AM, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children

3.2 The Cabinet Secretary agreed to write to the Committee:

4 Papers to note

4.1 Letter from the Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language regarding the Ministerial Taskforce for the South Wales Valleys

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4.2 Letter from the Cabinet Secretary regarding the engagement with the UK Government on support for Syrian refugees and on the UK Government's proposed introduction of a British Bill of Rights.

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5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

6 Post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Act 2015 – Consideration of Evidence

6.1 The Committee discussed the evidence during the morning's meeting.

7 Inquiry into refugees and asylum seekers in Wales – Consideration of approach to the inquiry

7.1 The Committee considered and agreed its initial approach to the Inquiry into refugees and asylum seekers in Wales.