

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 9 November
2016

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.25

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Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Assembly Members: | John Griffiths AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM (In place of Janet Finch-Saunders AM) Siân Gwenllïan AM Bethan Jenkins AM Rhianon Passmore AM Jenny Rathbone AM Joyce Watson AM |
| Witnesses: | Carl Sargeant AM, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children Jo-Anne Daniels, Welsh Government John Howells, Welsh Government |
| Committee Staff: | Jon Antoniazzi (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) |



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| | Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Jonathan Baxter (Researcher) Hannah Johnson (Researcher) Osian Bowyer (Researcher) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser) Martin Jennings (Researcher) |
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 Apologies were received from Janet Finch–Saunders AM. Mohammad Asghar AM substituted for Janet Finch–Saunders AM, in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.

2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2017–18

2.1. The Committee received evidence from:

- Carl Sargeant AM, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children
- Jo–Anne Daniels, Director, Communities and Tackling Poverty
- John Howells, Director of Housing and Regeneration

3 Paper(s) to note

3.1 Correspondence between the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government and the Chair of Finance Committee

3.1.a. The Committee noted the correspondence between the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government and the Chair of Finance Committee.

3.2 Correspondence from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council regarding its Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Leadership Group

3.2.a. The Committee noted the correspondence from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

3.3 Correspondence from NSPCC Cymru regarding its Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence strategy

3.3.a. The Committee noted the correspondence from NSPCC Cymru.

3.4 Correspondence from the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) in relation to post-legislative scrutiny work on the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015

3.4.a. The Committee noted the correspondence from the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA).

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting

4.1. The Committee agreed the motion to exclude the public to discuss the following:

- the evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children;
- the draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government on the Welsh Government's draft budget proposals;
- strategic planning and inquiry scoping for future work; and
- the key issues emerging from the Committee's post-legislative scrutiny work on the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015.

5 Welsh Government draft budget 2017–18 – Consideration of evidence

5.1. The Committee discussed the evidence received and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children setting out its views on the draft budget 2017–18, relating to the portfolio.

6 Strategic planning and inquiry scoping

6.1. The Committee discussed its priorities for future inquiries.

7 Post–legislative scrutiny work on the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015: Consideration of key issues

7.1. The Committee discussed the key issues arising from the evidence received on its inquiry into the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015, ahead of drafting the report.