

# Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 23 November 2016

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.10

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Janet Finch-Saunders AM Siân Gwenllïan AM Bethan Jenkins AM Rhianon Passmore AM Jenny Rathbone AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Susan Hudson, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Office Chris Vinestock, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
Committee Staff:	Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Osian Bowyer (Researcher) Hannah Johnson (Researcher) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser)



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

1.1. Apologies were received from Gareth Bennett AM.

## **2 Scrutiny of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Annual Report 2015–16**

2.2. The Committee received evidence from:

- Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
- Chris Vinestock, Chief Operating Officer
- Susan Hudson, Policy & Communications Manager

## **3 Papers to note**

### **3.1 Correspondence from the Chair of Finance Committee in relation to Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Estimate of Income and Expenses 2017–18**

3.1.a. The Committee noted the correspondence from the Chair of Finance Committee in relation to Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Estimate of Income and Expenses 2017–18.

### **3.2 Correspondence from the Dyfed–Powys Police and Crime Commissioner in relation to the post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015**

3.2.a. The Committee noted the correspondence from Dyfed–Powys Police and Crime Commissioner in relation to the post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015.

**3.3 Correspondence from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner North Wales in relation to the post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015**

3.3.a. The Committee noted the correspondence from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner North Wales in relation to the post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015.

**3.4 Correspondence from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children in relation to the post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015**

3.4.a. The Committee noted the correspondence from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children in relation to the post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015.

**3.5 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children to the Chair in relation to the post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015**

3.5.a. The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children to the Chair in relation to the post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015.

**3.6 Correspondence from Both Parents Matter in relation to the post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015**

3.6.a. The Committee noted the correspondence from Both Parents Matter in relation to the post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015.

### **3.7 Correspondence from Welsh Women's Aid in relation to the post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015**

3.7.a. The Committee noted the correspondence from Welsh Women's Aid in relation to the post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015.

## **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.

## **5 Scrutiny of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Annual Report 2015–16 – Consideration of evidence**

5.1. The Committee discussed the evidence received and agreed to write to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-being and Sport and the Health, Well-being and Sport Committee on matters raised during the evidence session.

## **6 Post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 – Consideration of draft report**

6.1. The Committee agreed its report on the inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015, subject to minor changes.

