

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 2 February
2017

Meeting time: 09. – 12.00

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Janet Finch–Saunders AM Siân Gwenllian AM Rhianon Passmore AM Jenny Rathbone AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Mark Drakeford AM, Cabinet Secretary for Finance Nicola Charles, Welsh Government Paul Webb, Devolved Services Reform Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner Marie Brousseau–Navarro, Legislation and Innovation
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk)



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	Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Hannah Johnson (Researcher) Chloe Corbyn (Researcher) Gwyn Griffiths (Legal Adviser)
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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 were received from Bethan Jenkins AM.

1.3. The following Members declared relevant interests as members of unions:

- John Griffiths AM;
- Jenny Rathbone AM
- Joyce Watson AM
- Rhianon Passmore AM
- Siân Gwenllïan AM.

2 Trade Union (Wales) Bill – evidence session 1: Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government

2.1. The Committee received evidence from:

- Mark Drakeford AM, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government
- Paul Webb, Deputy Director, Devolved Services Reform
- Nicola Charles, Lawyer

2.2. The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government declared a relevant interest as a member of a union.

2.3. During the session, the Cabinet Secretary agreed to provide clarification on the extent to which the Bill would affect those who provide public services on behalf of devolved Welsh authorities as well as those authorities and their own employees.

3 Scrutiny of the Future Generations Commissioner

3.1. The Committee received evidence from:

- Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner
- Marie Brousseau-Navarro, Director of Policy, Legislation and Innovation

3.2. The Future Generations Commissioner agreed to provide a copy of the letter sent to all local authorities in relation to the statutory timescales in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009.

3.3. The Committee agreed to write to the Future Generations Commissioner on matters not reached during the meeting, and on matters raised during the session.

The Committee discussed the evidence received under item 2 and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children on matters raised during the session.

4 Papers to note

4.1 Correspondence from the Llywydd in relation to Senedd@Newport

4.1.a. The Committee noted the correspondence from the from the Llywydd in relation to Senedd@Newport

4.2 Correspondence from the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee in relation to 'A Stronger Voice for Wales: engaging with Wales and the devolved institutions'

4.2.a. The Committee noted the correspondence from the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee in relation to 'A Stronger Voice for Wales: engaging with Wales and the devolved institutions'

4.3 Correspondence from the Chair to the Welsh Local Government Association in relation to refugees and asylum seekers

4.3.a. The Committee noted the correspondence from the Chair to the Welsh Local Government Association in relation to refugees and asylum seekers

4.4 Correspondence from the Chair to the Minister for State for Immigration in relation to refugees and asylum seekers

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

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

6 Scrutiny of the Future Generations Commissioner – consideration of evidence received under item 3

6.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under item 3.

7 Trade Union (Wales) Bill – consideration of evidence under item 2

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