

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 9 March 2017

Meeting time: 09.04 – 12.35

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Siân Gwenllïan AM Bethan Jenkins AM Rhianon Passmore AM Jenny Rathbone AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Nicola Charles, Welsh Government Paul Webb, Senior Responsible Officer, Trade Union (Wales) Bill
Committee Staff:	Christopher Warner (Clerk) Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Osian Bowyer (Researcher) Stephen Davies (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 for absence were received from Janet Finch–Saunders 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 Gwenllian AM.

2 Trade Union (Wales) Bill – evidence session 7: 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, Senior Responsible Officer, Trade Union (Wales) Bill

Nicola Charles, Lawyer

3 Papers to note

3.1 Report by the House of Commons' Women and Equalities Committee – Ensuring strong equalities legislation after the EU exit

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3.2 Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children in relation to poverty in Wales

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3.6 Letter from the Minister of State for Immigration in relation to refugees and asylum seekers in Wales

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4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and from the meetings on 15 and 23 March

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

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

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under item 2.

6 Trade Union (Wales) Bill – consideration of key issues

6.1 The Committee discussed the key issues for inclusion in its report.

7 Inquiry into refugees and asylum seekers in Wales – consideration of draft report

7.1 The Committee considered and agreed its report on the inquiry into the refugees and asylum seekers in Wales, subject to minor changes.

8 Supplementary LCM: Digital Economy Bill

8.1 The Committee considered the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Digital Economy Bill.