

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 19 July 2017

Meeting time: 08.55 – 12.23

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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:	Alex Bevan, Wales TUC Lynne Hackett, UNISON Cymru Nick Ireland, USDAW Dr Alison Parken, Cardiff University Cerys Furlong, Chwarae Teg Joshua Miles, Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) Helen Walbey, FSB
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk)



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	Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Gareth David Thomas Megan Jones 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 for absence were received from Bethan Jenkins AM.

2 Inquiry into poverty in Wales: making the economy work for people on low incomes – evidence session 4

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Alex Bevan, Economic Policy Officer, Wales TUC
- Lynne Hackett, Head of Community UNISON Cymru
- Nick Ireland, Divisional Officer, South Wales and West, USDAW

3 Inquiry into poverty in Wales: making the economy work for people on low incomes – evidence session 5

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Cerys Furlong, Chief Executive, Chwarae Teg
- Dr. Alison Parken, Honorary Senior Research Fellow, Cardiff University, Cardiff Business School

4 Inquiry into poverty in Wales: making the economy work for people on low incomes – evidence session 6

4.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Joshua Miles, Policy Manager, Federation of Small Businesses Wales

- Helen Walbey, Director, Recycle Scooters

4.2 During the session Joshua Miles, Federation of Small Businesses Wales agreed to provide the field survey results for wages paid by SMEs.

5 Paper(s) to note

5.1 Correspondence from the Specialist Engineers Contractors Group Wales (SEC Group) in relation to the inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales

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5.2 Letter from the Llywydd in relation to the Implementation of the Wales Act 2017

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5.7 Letter from the Chair of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee in relation to City Deals and the Regional Economies of Wales

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

6.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

7 Inquiry into poverty in Wales: making the economy work for people on low incomes – consideration of evidence received under items 2, 3 and 4

7.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received.

8 Consideration of Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Financial Guidance and Claims Bill

8.1 The Committee considered the Legislative Consent Memorandum and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children.