

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 13 July 2017

Meeting time: 08.57 – 15.37

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) David Melding AM Siân Gwenllian AM Bethan Jenkins AM Jenny Rathbone AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Stuart Millington, North Wales Fire and Rescue Service Steve Rossiter, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service Iwan Cray, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Matthew Dicks, Chartered Institute of Housing Cymru Gareth John, Chartered Institute of Building Steve Clarke, Welsh Tenants Federation David Wilton, TPAS Tony Jones, Flintshire County Council Sarah McGill, Cardiff Council



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	<p>Martin Nicholls, City and County of Swansea Council</p> <p>Clive Lloyd, City and County of Swansea Council</p> <p>Stuart Ropke, Community Housing Cymru</p> <p>Ceri Doyle, Newport City Homes</p> <p>Mike Owen, Merthyr Valleys Homes</p> <p>Tim Beckingsale, Pobl Group</p> <p>Alan Brunt, Bron Afon Community Housing</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Naomi Stocks (Clerk)</p> <p>Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Jonathan Baxter (Researcher)</p> <p>Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser)</p>

Transcript

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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 Rhianon Passmore AM and Janet Finch–Saunders AM. David Melding AM substituted for Janet Finch–Saunders AM in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.

2 Inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales: evidence session 1

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Stuart Millington, Senior Fire Safety Manager, North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
- Steve Rossiter, T/Area Manager, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service
- Iwan Cray, Area Manager, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service

2.2 The Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service agreed to provide the number of visits carried out to tower blocks of at least eight stories.

3 Inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales: evidence session 2

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Matt Dicks, Director, Chartered Institute of Housing Cymru
- Gareth John, Freelance Consultant, Chartered Institute of Building

4 Inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales: evidence session 3

4.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Steve Clarke, Managing Director, Welsh Tenants
- David Wilton, Director, TPAS

5 Inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales: evidence session 4

5.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Tony Jones, Capital Works Team Manager, Flintshire County Council
- Sarah McGill, Corporate Chief Officer for Communities, Cardiff Council
- Colin Blackmore, Estates Improvement Manager, Cardiff Council
- Martin Nicholls, Director of Place, City and County of Swansea
Councillor Clive Lloyd, Deputy Leader of Swansea Council

6 Inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales – evidence session 5

6.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Stuart Ropke, Chief Executive, Community Housing Cymru
- Ceri Doyle, Chief Executive, Newport City Homes
- Mike Owen, Chief Executive, Merthyr Valleys Homes
- Tim Beckingsale, Interim Director of Asset Management, Pobl Group
- Alan Brunt, Chief Executive, Bron Afon Community Housing

7 Paper(s) to note

7.1 Additional information provided by the National Exercise Referral Scheme in relation to asset-based approaches to poverty reduction

7.1.a The Committee noted the additional information provided by the National Exercise Referral Scheme in relation to asset-based approaches to poverty reduction

8 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and from the meeting on Tuesday 18 July 2017

8.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

9 Inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales: consideration of evidence under items 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

9.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children and the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs on a number of matters raised.

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