

# Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3

Meeting date: Wednesday, 25 October  
2017

Meeting time: 08.51 – 11.53

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Janet Finch–Saunders AM Siân Gwenllian AM Bethan Jenkins AM Jenny Rathbone AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Steve Thomas, Welsh Local Government Association Anthony Hunt, Welsh Local Government Association Jon Rae, Welsh Local Government Association Steve Jones, Society of Welsh Treasurers
Committee Staff:	Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Osian Bowyer (Researcher)



	Hannah Johnson (Researcher) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Gareth Howells (Secretariat) Joanne McCarthy (Researcher)
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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 Rhiannon Passmore AM

## **2 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from items 3, 6 and 7 of the meeting**

- 2.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

## **3 Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill: Technical briefing**

- 3.1 The Committee received a Technical briefing on the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill from the Assembly Commission.

## **4 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's draft budget 2018–19: evidence session 1**

- 4.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Councillor Anthony Hunt, Finance and Resources spokesperson, Welsh Local Government Association
- Steve Thomas CBE, Chief Executive, Welsh Local Government Association
- Jon Rae, Director of Resources, Welsh Local Government Association
- Steve Jones, Chair of Society of Welsh Treasurers

## **5 Paper(s) to note**

### **5.1 Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children in relation to making the economy work for people on low incomes**

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**6 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government budget 2018–19: consideration of evidence received under item 4**

6.1 Discussion of evidence

**7 Inquiry into Human Rights in Wales: options paper**

7.1 The Committee discussed the options paper