

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 27 September 2018

Meeting time: 09.04 – 13.07

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Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Assembly Members: | John Griffiths AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Jenny Rathbone AM Bethan Sayed AM David Melding AM |
| Witnesses: | David Hancock, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Kevin Roberts, North Wales Fire and Rescue Service Christian Hadfield, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service Owen Jayne, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service Nigel Glen, Association of Residential Managing Agents Jason Clarke, Warwick Estates Rachel Dobson, Mainstay Group Limited David Clark, Mainstay Group Limited Julie Griffiths, Mainstay Group Limited |



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| | <p>Cassandra Zanelli, Private Residents Association</p> <p>Jim McKirdle, Welsh Local Government Association</p> <p>Graham Bond, Cardiff Council</p> <p>Dave Holland, Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan</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> |

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 Mark Isherwood AM, with David Melding AM as substitute. Apologies were also received from Jack Sargeant AM, Sian Gwenllian AM and Jayne Bryant AM.

2 Inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales (private sector): evidence session 1

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- David Hancock, Group Manager, Head of Business Fire Safety, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
- Kevin Roberts, Senior Fire Safety Manager, North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
- Christian Hadfield, GM – Operations Department, Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service
- Owen Jayne, Group Manager, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service

3 Inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales (private sector): evidence session 2

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Nigel Glen, Chief Executive Officer, Association of Residential Managing Agents
- Jason Clarke, Head of Risk Management, Warwick Estates
- Rachel Dobson, Head of Health and Safety, Mainstay Group Limited
- Julie Griffiths, Property Manager for managed properties in Wales, Mainstay Group Limited

4 Inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales (private sector): evidence session 3

4.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Cassandra Zanelli, honorary consultant to the Federation of Private Residents Association

5 Inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales (private sector): evidence session 4

5.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Jim McKirdle, Housing Policy Officer, Welsh Local Government Association
- Graham Bond, Acting Building Control Manager, Planning, Transport and Environment, Cardiff Council
- Dave Holland, Head of Shared Regulatory Services, Shared Regulatory Services, Bridgend, Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan

6 Papers to note

6.1 Written submission from CRM

6.1a The Committee noted the written submission from CRM

6.2 Written submission from Home Builders Federation

6.2a The Committee noted the written submission from Home Builders Federation

6.3 Written submission from RICS

6.3a The Committee noted the written submission from RICS

7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and from the meeting on 3 October 2018 and from item 1 of the meeting on 11 October 2018

7.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

8 Inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales (private sector): discussion of the evidence received under items 2, 3, 4 and 5

8.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under items 2,3,4 and 5

9 Consideration of the letter received from the Llywydd in relation to voting rights for prisoners

9.1 The Committee discussed the letter received from the Llywydd and agreed to undertake the inquiry into voting rights for prisoners.