

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Wednesday, 23 January
2019

Meeting time: 10.32 – 12.33

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Gareth Bennett AM Mark Isherwood AM Carwyn Jones AM Leanne Wood AM
Witnesses:	Dr Robert Jones, Wales Governance Centre Dr Greg Davies, Wales Governance Centre Mark Day, Prison Reform Trust
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Lisa Griffiths (Deputy Clerk) Hannah Johnson (Researcher)



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 Jenny Rathbone AM and Huw Irranca-Davies AM.

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

- 2.1 The Committee agreed the motion to resolve to exclude the public from items 3 and 7 of the meeting.

3 Inquiry into voting rights for prisoners: consideration of the evidence received at the informal visit

- 3.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received at the informal meeting.

4 Inquiry into voting rights for prisoners: evidence session 1

- 4.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Dr Robert Jones, Research Associate, Wales Governance Centre
- Dr Greg Davies, Research Associate, Wales Governance Centre

5 Inquiry into voting rights for prisoners: evidence session 2

- 5.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Mark Day, Head of Policy and Communications, Prison Reform Trust

6 Papers to note

6.1 Inquiry into fire safety in high-rise buildings: Welsh Government response to the Committee's report

- 6.1a The Committee noted the Welsh Government response to the Committee's report.

6.2 Letter from the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip in relation to the post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015

6.2a The Committee noted the letter from the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip in relation to the post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015.

7 Inquiry into voting rights for prisoners: discussion of the evidence received under items 4 and 5

7.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under items 4 and 5.