

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 20 February
2019

Meeting time: Times Not Specified

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Gareth Bennett AM Huw Irranca–Davies AM Mark Isherwood AM Carwyn Jones AM Jenny Rathbone AM Leanne Wood AM
Witnesses:	Darren Trollope, Youth Justice Board Bernie Bowen–Thomson, Safer–Wales
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Lisa Griffiths (Deputy Clerk) Osian Bowyer (Researcher) 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.

2 Papers to note

2.1 Inquiry into public services boards – additional information from the Minister for Housing and Local Government

2.1a The Committee noted the additional information from the Minister for Housing and Local Government.

2.2 Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill – correspondence from Llyr Gruffydd AM

2.2a The Committee noted the correspondence from Llyr Gruffydd AM.

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public for items 4, 5 and 8

3.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

4 Public Services Boards: consideration of draft report

4.1 The Committee agreed the draft report.

6 Inquiry into voting rights for prisoners: evidence session 3

6.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Bernie Bowen–Thompson, Chief Executive, Safer Wales

6.2 During the session, Bernie Bowen–Thompson agreed to write to the Committee after giving further consideration to the demographic differences in views on female prisoner voting. She also agreed that she would check with her teams whether any of her staff had discussed prisoner voting with victims of crime.

6.3 The Committee also agreed to write to Bernie regarding any outstanding questions.

7 Inquiry into voting rights for prisoners: evidence session 4

7.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Darren Trollope, Head of Planning and Advice Cymru, Youth Justice Board

8 Inquiry into voting rights for prisoners: consideration of the evidence received under items 3 and 4

8.1 The Committee discussed the evidence.

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

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received at the informal visit.