

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 12 March 2020

Meeting time: 09.24 – 12.40

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Dawn Bowden AM Huw Irranca-Davies AM David Melding AM Delyth Jewell AM
Witnesses:	David Cox, Association of Residential Letting Agents Douglas Haig, Residential Landlord Association Rob Simkins, National Union of Students Dan Wilson Craw, Generation Rent Alun Evans, Citizens Advice Jennie Bibbings, Shelter Cymru Nick Morris, Crisis
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Jonathan Baxter (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1. The Committee welcomed Members and members of the public to the Committee.
- 1.2. Apologies for absence were received from Caroline Jones AM. David Melding AM substituted for Mark Isherwood AM in accordance with Standing Order 17.48. Apologies for absence from item 8 were received from Mark Isherwood AM.
- 1.3. Huw Irranca-Davies AM declared a relevant interest in accordance with Standing Order 17.24A.

2 Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill – evidence session 3

- 2.1. The Committee received evidence from:
 - David Cox, Chief Executive, ARLA | Propertymark
 - Douglas Haig, Vice-Chair and Director for Wales, Residential Landlords Association
- 2.2. During the evidence session ARLA | Propertymark agreed to provide a note on whether any of the proposals in the Bill as currently drafted contravene human rights legislation.

3 Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill – evidence session 4

- 3.1. The Committee received evidence from:
 - Rob Simkins, NUS Wales President
 - Dan Wilson Craw, Director, Generation Rent

3.2. During the evidence session Generation Rent agreed to provide detailed statistics from the English Housing Survey, on homelessness as a result of no fault evictions.

4 Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill – evidence session 5

4.1. The Committee received evidence from:

- Alun Evans, Senior Campaigns and Advocacy Officer, Citizen’s Advice
- Jennie Bibbings, Campaigns Manager, Shelter Cymru
- Nick Morris, Policy and Communications Manager (Wales), Crisis

4.2. During the evidence session Shelter Cymru agreed to share details of their Living Homes Standard research, published in July 2017.

Papers to note

5.1 Letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government in relation to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill

5.1.a The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government in relation to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill.

5.2 Additional information from the Minister for Housing and Local Government in relation to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill

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5.4 Letter from the Llywydd in relation to the Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill

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6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

6.1. The Committee agreed the motion.

7 Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill – consideration of the evidence received

7.1. The Committee discussed the evidence received under items 2, 3 and 4.

8 Consideration of response to the letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government in relation to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill

8.1. The Committee agreed the response to the letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government in relation to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill.