

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Tuesday, 5 May 2020

Meeting time: 10.06 – 11.03

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths MS (Chair) Dawn Bowden MS Huw Irranca-Davies MS Mark Isherwood MS Delyth Jewell MS Caroline Jones MS
Witnesses:	Julie James MS, Minister for Housing and Local Government Reg Kilpatrick, Welsh Government Emma Williams, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Jonathan Baxter (Researcher) Osian Bowyer (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the first virtual meeting of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee.

1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 34.19, the Chair stated that he had determined that the public were excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health.

1.3 The Chair stated that if for any reason he dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Dawn Bowden MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

1.4 There were no apologies or declarations of interest.

2 COVID-19 and its impact on matters relating to the Committee's remit – Ministerial scrutiny session

2.1 Members questioned the Minister for Housing and Local Government and her officials about Covid-19 and her department's response to date to the pandemic.

2.2 The Minister agreed, if possible, to provide more information on the number of people taking mortgage holidays and the number of evictions during the pandemic.