

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 14 May 2020

Meeting time: Times Not Specified

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths MS (Chair) Dawn Bowden MS Mark Isherwood MS Delyth Jewell MS Caroline Jones MS
Witnesses:	Jane Hutt MS, Deputy Minister and Chief Whip Alyson Francis, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk)

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 Apologies for absence were received from Huw Irranca – Davies MS

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

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Jane Hutt MS, Deputy Minister and Chief Whip
- Alyson Francis, Deputy Director of Communities Division, Welsh Government

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

3.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

4 COVID-19 and its impact on matters relating to the Committee's remit – consideration of evidence

4.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under item 2.

5 Local Government and Election (Wales) Bill – consideration of revised timetable