

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Tuesday, 16 June 2020

Meeting time: 14.01 – 17.14

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Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Assembly Members: | John Griffiths MS (Chair) Dawn Bowden MS Huw Irranca-Davies MS Mark Isherwood MS Delyth Jewell MS Caroline Jones MS Jayne Bryant MS Dai Lloyd MS Lynne Neagle MS David Rees MS |
| Witnesses: | Patience Bentu, Race Council Cymru Rocio Cifuentes, Ethnic Youth Support Team Ruth Coombs, Equality and Human Rights Commission Heléna Herklots, Older People's Commissioner for Wales Victoria Lloyd, Director of Influencing and Programme |



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| | Development, Age Cymru Hannah Wharf, Equality and Human Rights Commission |
| Committee Staff: | Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk) Hannah Johnson (Researcher) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser) |

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

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

2 Inquiry into Covid-19 and its impact: evidence session on equalities and human rights

- 2.1. The Committee received evidence from:
 - Ruth Coombs, Head of Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales
 - Hannah Wharf, Principle External Affairs, Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales.

3 Inquiry into Covid-19 and its impact: evidence session on older people

3.1. The Chair welcomed Jayne Bryant MS, Dai Lloyd MS, Lynne Neagle MS and David Rees MS, Members of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee for this item.

3.2 The Committee received evidence from:

- 1.4 • Heléna Herklots, Older People's Commissioner for Wales
- 1.5 • Victoria Lloyd, Chief Executive, Age Cymru.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (xi) to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for Item 5 and 8 of today's meeting

4.1. The Committee agreed the motion.

5 Impact of Covid-19 on older people – consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under item 3.

6 Inquiry into Covid-19 and its impact: evidence session on black, Asian and minority ethnic groups

6.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- 1.6 • Patience Bentu, Administration and Policy Support Officer, Race Council Cymru
- 1.7 • Rocio Cifuentes, Chief Executive, Ethnic Minorities and Youth Support Team (EYST) Wales.

7 Papers to note

7.1 Correspondence from Jane Hutt MS, Deputy Minister and Chief Whip to Priti Patel MP, Secretary of State for the Home Department regarding COVID-19 and its impact on BAME Communities – 12 May 2020

7.1a The Committee noted the correspondence from Jane Hutt MS to Priti Patel MP regarding COVID-19 and its impact on BAME Communities.

7.2 Correspondence from Chris Philp MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Home Office and Ministry of Justice regarding the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 – 29 May 2020

7.2a The Committee noted the correspondence from Chris Philp MP regarding the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016.

7.3 Correspondence from Llyr Gruffydd MS, Chair of the Finance Committee regarding engagement and the plenary Debate on the Welsh Government's Spending Priorities 2021–22 – 1 June 2020

7.3a The Committee noted the correspondence from Llyr Gruffydd MS, Chair of the Finance Committee regarding engagement and the plenary Debate on the Welsh Government's Spending Priorities 2021–22.

7.4 Correspondence from Nick Ramsay MS, Chair of the Public Accounts Committee to Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales and Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner regarding Well–Being of Future Generations statutory reports – 29 May 2020

7.4a The Committee noted the correspondence from Nick Ramsay MS, Chair of the Public Accounts Committee to Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales and Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner regarding Well–Being of Future Generations statutory reports.

7.5 Correspondence from the Minister for Housing and Local Government regarding the committee meeting on 15 May 2020 – 10 June 2020

7.5a The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister for Housing and Local Government regarding the committee meeting on 15 May 2020.

8 Inquiry into Covid–19 and its impact: further consideration of evidence

8.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under Items 2 and 6.