

# Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 – Ty\_Hywel

Meeting date: Tuesday, 14 July 2020

Meeting time: 14.00 – 16.42

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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:	Rhys Gwilym-Taylor, Senior Policy and Public Affairs Officer, Crisis Jennie Bibbings, Shelter Cymru Clarissa Corbisiero-Peters, Community Housing Cymru Katie Dalton, Cymorth Cymru Matt Dicks, CIH Cymru Andrea Lewis, Swansea Council Jim McKirdle, Welsh Local Government Association Callum Davies, Welsh Policy & Public Affairs Officer, NRLA



Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk) Jonathan Baxter (Researcher)
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## **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 homelessness**

- 2.1 The Committee received evidence from:
  - Rhys Gwilym-Taylor, Senior Policy and Public Affairs Officer, Crisis
  - Jennie Bibbings, Campaigns Manager, Shelter Cymru
  - Katie Dalton, Director, Cymorth Cymru
- 2.2 During the meeting, Shelter Cymru agreed to provide data on local authority responses to homelessness during the pandemic.

## **3 Inquiry into Covid-19 and its impact: evidence session on housing**

- 3.1 The Committee received evidence from:
  - Clarissa Corbisiero, Director of Policy and External Affairs / Deputy Chief Executive, Community Housing Cymru
  - Matt Dicks, Director, CIH Cymru

- Cllr Andrea Lewis, Housing Spokesperson, Welsh Local Government Association
- Jim McKirdle, Housing Policy Officer, Welsh Local Government Association
- Calum Davies, Welsh Policy & Public Affairs Officer, National Residential Landlords Association

### 3.2 During the meeting:

- CHC agreed to provide further information on the phasing out of priority need for homeless people in Scotland.
- The WLGA agreed to provide more information on the work undertaken by Swansea Council regarding the development of new homes in supporting wider economic recovery.

## **4 Paper to note**

### **4.1 Correspondence from the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip regarding the evidence session on 14 May – 30 June 2020**

4.1a The Committee noted the correspondence from the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip regarding the evidence session on 14 May.

## **5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and items 1 and 2 of the meeting on 16 July 2020**

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

## **6 Inquiry into Covid-19 and its impact: consideration of evidence**

6.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under Item 2 and 3.

## **7 Consideration of correspondence with the Llywydd regarding the Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill**

7.1 The Committee discussed the correspondence with the Llywydd in relation to the Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill.