

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

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Meeting date: Friday, 9 October 2020

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Meeting time: 10.00 – 11.44

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 Cath Wyatt, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1. The Chair welcomed Members to the 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.

2 Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill – Stage 2 proceedings

2.1 In accordance with Standing Order 26.21, the Committee disposed of the following amendments to the Bill:

Amendment 288 (Delyth Jewell MS) was withdrawn in accordance with Standing Order 26.66(i).

Amendment 289 (Delyth Jewell MS) was not moved.

Amendment 39 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 39 was agreed.		

Amendment 40 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 40 was agreed.		

Amendment 41 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 41 was agreed.		

Amendment 42 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		

Amendment 42 was agreed.

Amendment 43 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 43 was agreed.		

Amendment 215 (Mark Isherwood MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	Caroline Jones
Delyth Jewell	Dawn Bowden	
	Huw Irranca-Davies	
Amendment 215 was not agreed.		

Amendment 44 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		

Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 44 was agreed.		

Amendment 45 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 45 was agreed.		

Amendment 46 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 46 was agreed.		

Amendment 47 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones

Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 47 was agreed.		

Amendment 146 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 146 was agreed.		

Amendment 290 (Delyth Jewell MS) was withdrawn in accordance with Standing Order 26.66(i).

Amendment 48 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		

Amendment 48 was agreed.

Amendment 216 (Mark Isherwood MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	Delyth Jewell
Caroline Jones	Dawn Bowden	
	Huw Irranca-Davies	
Amendment 216 was not agreed.		

Amendment 291 (Delyth Jewell MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Delyth Jewell	John Griffiths	Caroline Jones
	Dawn Bowden	
	Huw Irranca-Davies	
	Mark Isherwood	
Amendment 291 was not agreed.		

Amendment 49 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		

Amendment 49 was agreed.

Amendment 50 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 50 was agreed.		

Amendment 239 (Caroline Jones MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	
Caroline Jones	Dawn Bowden	
	Huw Irranca-Davies	
	Delyth Jewell	
Amendment 239 was not agreed.		

Amendment 292 (Delyth Jewell MS) was not moved.

Amendment 240 (Caroline Jones MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	

Caroline Jones	Dawn Bowden	
	Huw Irranca-Davies	
	Delyth Jewell	
Amendment 240 was not agreed.		

Amendment 241 (Caroline Jones MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	
Caroline Jones	Dawn Bowden	
	Huw Irranca-Davies	
	Delyth Jewell	
Amendment 241 was not agreed.		

Amendment 294 (Delyth Jewell MS) was not moved.

Amendment 51 (Julie James MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 242 (Caroline Jones MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	
Caroline Jones	Dawn Bowden	
	Huw Irranca-Davies	
	Delyth Jewell	
Amendment 242 was not agreed.		

Amendment 52 (Julie James MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 86 (Julie James MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 87 (Julie James MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 88 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 88 was agreed.		

Amendment 89 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		

Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 89 was agreed.		

Amendment 90 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 90 was agreed.		

Amendment 243 (Caroline Jones MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	
Caroline Jones	Dawn Bowden	
	Huw Irranca-Davies	
	Delyth Jewell	
Amendment 243 was not agreed.		

Amendment 251 (Caroline Jones MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	
Caroline Jones	Dawn Bowden	

	Huw Irranca-Davies	
	Delyth Jewell	
Amendment 251 was not agreed.		

Amendment 53 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 53 was agreed.		

Amendment 54 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths	Caroline Jones	
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 54 was agreed.		

Amendment 55 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
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John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 55 was agreed.		

Amendment 56 (Julie James MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 57 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 57 was agreed.		

Amendment 58 (Julie James MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 147 (Julie James MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 91 (Julie James MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 254 (Caroline Jones MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Caroline Jones	John Griffiths	Mark Isherwood
	Dawn Bowden	
	Huw Irranca-Davies	
	Delyth Jewell	
Amendment 254 was not agreed.		

Amendment 59 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 59 was agreed.		

Amendment 60 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		

Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 60 was agreed.		

Amendment 217 (Mark Isherwood MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	Caroline Jones
Delyth Jewell	Dawn Bowden	
	Huw Irranca-Davies	
Amendment 217 was not agreed.		

Amendment 218 (Mark Isherwood MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Mark Isherwood	John Griffiths	Caroline Jones
	Dawn Bowden	
	Huw Irranca-Davies	
	Delyth Jewell	
Amendment 218 was not agreed.		

Amendment 61 (Julie James MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 62 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones

Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 62 was agreed.		

Amendment 63 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 63 was agreed.		

Amendment 244 (Caroline Jones MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Caroline Jones	John Griffiths	Mark Isherwood
	Dawn Bowden	
	Huw Irranca-Davies	
	Delyth Jewell	
Amendment 244 was not agreed.		

Amendment 64 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 64 was agreed.		

Amendment 148 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Mark Isherwood
Dawn Bowden		Caroline Jones
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 148 was agreed.		

Amendment 149 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 149 was agreed.		

Amendment 65 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Mark Isherwood
Dawn Bowden		Caroline Jones
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 65 was agreed.		

Amendment 66 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths	Mark Isherwood	Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 66 was agreed.		

Amendment 245 (Caroline Jones MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Caroline Jones	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Dawn Bowden	
	Huw Irranca-Davies	
	Delyth Jewell	
Amendment 245 was not agreed.		

Amendment 246 (Caroline Jones MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Caroline Jones	John Griffiths	Mark Isherwood
	Dawn Bowden	
	Huw Irranca-Davies	
	Delyth Jewell	
Amendment 246 was not agreed.		

Amendment 247 (Caroline Jones MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Caroline Jones	John Griffiths	Mark Isherwood
	Dawn Bowden	
	Huw Irranca-Davies	
	Delyth Jewell	
Amendment 247 was not agreed.		

Amendment 67 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Mark Isherwood
Dawn Bowden		Caroline Jones
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 67 was agreed.		

Amendment 248 (Caroline Jones MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Caroline Jones	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Dawn Bowden	
	Huw Irranca-Davies	
	Delyth Jewell	
Amendment 248 was not agreed.		

Amendment 68 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Mark Isherwood
Dawn Bowden		Caroline Jones
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 68 was agreed.		

Amendment 69 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 69 was agreed.		

Amendment 249 (Caroline Jones MS) fell.

Amendment 219 (Mark Isherwood MS) fell.

Amendment 70 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Mark Isherwood
Dawn Bowden		Caroline Jones
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 70 was agreed.		

Amendment 71 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths	Mark Isherwood	Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 71 was agreed.		

Amendment 72 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths	Mark Isherwood	Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		

Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 72 was agreed.		

Amendment 73 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 73 was agreed.		

Amendment 74 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 74 was agreed.		

Amendment 75 (Julie James MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 150 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Mark Isherwood
Dawn Bowden		Caroline Jones
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 150 was agreed.		

Amendment 76 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Caroline Jones
Dawn Bowden		
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Mark Isherwood		
Delyth Jewell		
Amendment 76 was agreed.		

Amendment 151 (Julie James MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 77 (Julie James MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
John Griffiths		Mark Isherwood
Dawn Bowden		Caroline Jones
Huw Irranca-Davies		
Delyth Jewell		

Amendment 77 was agreed.

Amendment 220 (Mark Isherwood MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Caroline Jones	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Dawn Bowden	
	Huw Irranca-Davies	
	Delyth Jewell	
Amendment 220 was not agreed.		

Amendment 250 (Caroline Jones MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Caroline Jones	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Dawn Bowden	
	Huw Irranca-Davies	
	Delyth Jewell	
Amendment 250 was not agreed.		

Amendment 225 (Caroline Jones MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Caroline Jones	John Griffiths	Mark Isherwood
	Dawn Bowden	
	Huw Irranca-Davies	
	Delyth Jewell	

Amendment 225 was not agreed.

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 Correspondence from Audit Wales regarding Section 118 of the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Bill

4.1 The Committee considered correspondence from Audit Wales regarding Section 118 of the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Bill.