

# Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2, Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 19 June 2025

Meeting time: 09.00 – 15.06

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	John Griffiths MS (Chair) Lesley Griffiths MS Siân Gwenllïan MS Laura Anne Jones MS Lee Waters MS
Witnesses:	Professor Suzanne Fitzpatrick Professor Peter Mackie Liz Davies, Garden Court Chambers Robin White, Shelter Cymru Crash Wigley, Landmark Chambers Katie Dalton, Cymorth Cymru Sian Aldridge, The Wallich Gareth Lynn Montes, Welsh Refugee Council David Rowlands, Tai Pawb Cerys Clark, Chartered Institute of Housing Wales



	<p>Helen White, Taff Housing</p> <p>Bill Rowlands, End Youth Homelessness Cymru</p> <p>Sharon Thomas, GISDA</p> <p>Debbie Thomas, Crisis</p> <p>Phoebe White, National Youth Advocacy Service Cymru</p> <p>Helen Mary Jones, Voices From Care Cymru</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Manon George (Clerk)</p> <p>Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Evan Jones (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Gwennan Hardy (Researcher)</p> <p>Jennie Bibbings (Researcher)</p>

## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Peter Fox MS.

## **2 Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 2**

- 2.1 The Committee heard evidence from Professor Peter Mackie and Professor Suzanne Fitzpatrick.

## **3 Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 3**

- 3.1 The Committee heard evidence from Liz Davies KC – Garden Court Chambers, Robin White – Shelter Cymru, and Crash Wigley – Landmark Chambers.
- 3.2 Liz Davies KC declared that she had been an advisor to the expert review panel.

## **4 Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 4**

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from Katie Dalton – Cymorth Cymru, Kate Perry-Jones – Welsh Women’s Aid, and Sian Aldridge – The Wallich.

## **5 Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 5**

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from David Rowlands – Tai Pawb, Gareth Lynn Montes – Welsh Refugee Council, Debbie Thomas – Crisis, and Cerys Clark – CIH Cymru.

## **6 Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 6**

6.1 The Committee heard evidence from Phoebe White – National Youth Advocacy Services, Bill Rowlands – End Youth Homelessness Cymru, Helen Mary Jones – Voices from Care Cymru, and Sharon Thomas – GISDA.

## **7 Papers to note**

### **7.1 Building Safety**

7.1 The Committee noted the letters.

### **7.2 Private rented sector**

8.1 The Committee noted the letter.

## **8 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting**

8.1 The Committee agreed the Motion to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.

## **9 Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence**

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.