

Concise Minutes – Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 21 January
2016

Meeting time: 09.01 – 11.45

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Christine Chapman AM (Chair) Peter Black AM Alun Davies AM Janet Finch-Saunders AM Mike Hedges AM Mark Isherwood AM Bethan Jenkins AM Gwyn R Price AM John Griffiths AM (In place of Gwenda Thomas AM) Elin Jones AM (In place of Lindsay Whittle AM)
Witnesses:	Lesley Griffiths AM, The Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty, Welsh Government Jane Hutt AM, The Minister for Finance and Government Business



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	<p>Jo Salway, Welsh Government</p> <p>Amelia John, Welsh Government</p> <p>Eleanor Marks, Welsh Government</p> <p>John Howells, Welsh Government</p> <p>Ken Skates AM, The Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism</p> <p>Huw Davies, Welsh Government</p> <p>Manon Antoniazzi, Welsh Government</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Sarah Beasley (Clerk)</p> <p>Claire Morris (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Sarah Sargent (Deputy Clerk)</p>

Transcript

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1. 1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received from Gwenda Thomas AM and Lindsay Whittle AM. John Griffiths AM and Elin Jones AM substituted for them in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.

2 Scrutiny of Welsh Government draft budget 2016/17 – Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty and Minister for Finance and Government Business

- 2.1 The Committee received evidence from:
 - Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty
 - Jane Hutt AM, Minister for Finance and Government Business
- 2.2 Peter Black declared a relevant interest under Standing Order 17.24A.

2.3 The Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty agreed to provide the Committee with information regarding employment rates in Communities First areas.

3 Scrutiny of Welsh Government draft budget 2016/17 – Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Ken Skates AM, Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism

3.2 The Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism agreed to provide the Committee with the following information;

- Detailed update on the Fusion Programme.

4 Papers to note

4.1 The Committee noted the papers.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

6 Scrutiny of Welsh Government draft budget 2016/17: Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty, Minister for Finance and Government Business and Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism – discussion of evidence

6.1 The Committee discussed the evidence heard under items 2 and 3.

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7 Consideration of LCM on the Housing and Planning Bill: enfranchisement and extension of long leaseholds

7.1 The Committee considered the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Housing and Planning Bill: enfranchisement and extension of long leaseholds

8 Scrutiny of Welsh Government draft budget 2016/17: consideration of draft letters to the First Minister of Wales and the Minister for Public Services

8.1 The Committee agreed the Draft Budget Letters.