

# Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Thursday, 1 March 2018

Meeting time: 09.15 – 10.51

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Jenny Rathbone AM Jack Sargeant AM
Witnesses:	Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner Cathy Madge, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Chloe Corbyn (Researcher)

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

1.1. The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.

1.2. Apologies for absence were received from Sian Gwenllian AM, Janet Finch-Saunders AM and Bethan Jenkins AM.



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## **2 Scrutiny of the Future Generations Commissioner: annual scrutiny**

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales
- Cathy Madge, Change Maker Lead

2.2 The Future Generations Commissioner for Wales agreed to provide an analysis undertaken with stakeholders about alternative ways of spending the estimated £1.2bn cost of the M4 relief road.

2.3 The Future Generations Commissioner for Wales declared a relevant interest.

## **3 Paper(s) to note**

**3.1 Letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee in relation to rough sleeping in Wales**

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**3.2 Note of visit to the Wallich in relation to rough sleeping in Wales**

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**3.3 Additional information from Powys County Council in relation to rough sleeping in Wales**

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### **3.4 Additional information from South Wales Police in relation to rough sleeping in Wales**

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### **3.5 Additional information from the Wales Community Rehabilitation Company in relation to rough sleeping in Wales**

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### **3.10 Correspondence from the Leader of the House and Chief Whip in relation to the post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Act 2015**

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### **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and from the meeting on 7 March 2018**

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

### **5 Scrutiny of the Future Generations Commissioner: annual scrutiny – consideration of evidence received under item 2**

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under item 2.

### **6 Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill: consideration of draft report**

6.1 The Committee agreed to consider item 6 at its meeting on Wednesday 7 March 2018.

### **7 Inquiry into rough sleeping in Wales: consideration of key issues**

7.1 The Committee agreed to consider item 7 at its meeting on Wednesday 7 March 2018.

### **8 Inquiry into poverty in Wales: making the economy work for people on low incomes – consideration of key issues**

8.1 The Committee agreed to consider item 8 at its meeting on Wednesday 7 March 2018.

### **9 Inquiry into Human Rights in Wales – update**

9.1 The Committee agreed to consider item 9 at its meeting on Wednesday 7 March 2018.