

# Agenda – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 25 February 2021

Meeting time: 13.00

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## Pre-meeting (13.00 – 13.30)

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

### 2 Inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales (Welsh Government white paper – Safer Buildings in Wales: A Consultation): evidence session 1

(13.30 – 14.30)

(Pages 1 – 49)

Owen Jayne, Group Manager, Head of Business Fire Safety, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service

Siôn Slaymaker, Group Manager, Head of Business Fire Safety, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service

Bob Mason, Head of Business Fire Safety, North Wales Fire and Rescue Service

## Break (14.30 – 14.45)

### 3 Inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales (Welsh Government white paper – Safer Buildings in Wales: A Consultation): evidence session 2

(14.45 – 15.45)

(Pages 50 – 62)

Paul Edwards, Senior Regional Director, NHBC



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Peter Richards, Chair, Local Authority Building Control Cymru

Andrew Thomas, Senior Building Control officer, Fire Safety working Group,  
Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

## **Break (15.45 – 16.00)**

### **4 Inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales (Welsh Government white paper – Safer Buildings in Wales: A Consultation): evidence session 3**

(16.00 – 17.00)

(Pages 63 – 89)

Jason Clarke, Head of Risk Management, Warwick Estates

Nigel Glen, Chief Executive Officer, ARMA

Mark Snelling, Health, Safety and Fire Advisor, ARMA

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

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#### **5.1 Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee in relation to fire safety in high rise buildings**

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#### **5.2 Report from the Bevan Foundation "Different experiences of poverty in Winter 2020" in relation to the impact of COVID-19**

(Pages 92 – 113)

#### **5.3 Report from the British Red Cross "The longest year" in relation to the impact of COVID-19**

(Pages 114 – 180)

#### **5.4 Letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government in relation to the impact of COVID-19 and rough sleeping**

(Pages 181 – 187)

- 6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and from the meeting on 4 March 2021**
- 7 Inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales (Welsh Government white paper – Safer Buildings in Wales: A Consultation): discussion of the evidence received**  
(17.00 – 17.15)
- 8 Discussion of the Committee's legacy report**  
(17.15 – 17.25) (Pages 188 – 193)