

Agenda – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 11 March 2021

Meeting time: 12.50

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Pre-meeting (12.50 – 13.00)

- 1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest
- 2 Inquiry into COVID-19 and its impact on matters relating to the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee's remit – evidence session with the Minister for Housing and Local Government and the Deputy Minister for Housing and Local Government
(13.00 – 14.15) (Pages 1 – 15)
Julie James MS, Minister for Housing and Local Government
Hannah Blythyn MS, Deputy Minister for Housing and Local Government
Emma Williams, Director of Housing & Regeneration, Welsh Government
Reg Mitchell-Kilpatrick, Director General, Covid Crisis Coordination, Welsh Government

Break (14.15 – 14.30)



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- 3 Inquiry into COVID-19 and its impact on matters relating to the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee's remit – evidence session with the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip**
(14.30 – 15.15) (Pages 16 – 65)
Jane Hutt MS, Deputy Minister and Chief Whip
Alyson Francis, Deputy Director of Communities Division, Welsh Government
- 4 Paper(s) to note** (Pages 66 – 67)
- 4.1 Letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government in relation to the British-Irish Council (BIC) Joint Housing and Spatial Planning Work Sectors ministerial meeting**
(Page 68)
- 4.2 Letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government in relation to the British-Irish Council (BIC) Digital Inclusion Work Sector ministerial meeting**
(Pages 69 – 70)
- 4.3 Letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government in relation to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021**
(Pages 71 – 79)
- 4.4 Written submission from the CICAIR to the inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales (Welsh Government white paper – Safer Buildings in Wales: A Consultation)**
(Pages 80 – 83)
- 4.5 Response from the Welsh Government to the Committee's report on the Welsh Government draft budget 2021-22**
(Pages 84 – 96)
- 5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and from the meeting on 18 March 2021**

6 Inquiry into COVID-19 and its impact on matters relating to the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee's remit – discussion of the evidence received

(15.15 – 15.45)