

Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5

Meeting date: Thursday, 1 December 2022

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.35

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	John Griffiths MS (Chair) Mabon ap Gwynfor MS Jayne Bryant MS Joel James MS Sam Rowlands MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	David Phillips, Institute for Fiscal Studies Dr. Rhys ap Gwilym, Bangor University Jon Rae, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Leah Whitty, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Lis Burnett, Vale of Glamorgan Council Dyfrig Siencyn, Gwynedd Council Dr Victoria Winckler, Bevan Foundation Andrew Dixon, Fairer Share



	James Wood, National Residential Landlords Association
Committee Staff:	Manon George (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Osian Bowyer (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Local Government and Housing Committee.
- 1.2. Joel James MS declared a relevant interest.

2 Inquiry into Council Tax Reform – evidence session 1

- 2.1. The Committee took evidence from:

David Phillips, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies

Dr Rhys ap Iwilym, Senior Lecturer in Economics, Bangor University Business School

3 Inquiry into Council Tax Reform – evidence session 2

- 3.1. The Committee took evidence from:

Councillor Lis Burnett, Leader, Vale of Glamorgan Council

Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn, Leader, Gwynedd Council

Leah Whitty, Finance Policy Officer, Welsh Local Government Association

Jon Rae, Director of Resources, Welsh Local Government Association

4 Inquiry into Council Tax Reform – evidence session 3

- 4.1. The Committee took evidence from:

Dr Victoria Winckler, Bevan Foundation

Andrew Dixon, Chairman, Fairer Share

James Wood, Policy Manager, National Residential Landlords Association (NRLA)

5 Papers to note

5.1 Letter from the Minister for Social Justice in relation to housing Ukrainian refugees

5.1.a The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Social Justice in relation to housing Ukrainian refugees.

5.2 Letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee to all Committee Chairs in relation to the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2023–24

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5.3 Response from the Minister for Finance and Local Government to the report on community assets

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5.4 Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee in relation to Petition P–06–1304 To review the emergency temporary housing policy which impacts our Communities

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5.5 Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill

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6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

6.1. The Committee agreed the motion.

7 Inquiry into Council Tax Reform – consideration of the evidence received under items 2, 3 and 4

7.1. The Committee considered the evidence received.