

# Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5

Meeting date: Thursday, 23 March 2023

Meeting time: 09.02 – 15.13

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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:	Lyn Cadwallader, One Voice Wales Owen Hathway, Sport Wales Jennifer Huygen, Community Leisure UK Glenn Bowen, CWMPASS – Wales Co-operative Centre Faye Patton, Care and Repair Cymru Laura Courtney, Community Housing Cymru Jim McKirdle, Welsh Local Government Association Dr Jessie Hohmann, University of Technology Sydney Professor Simon Hoffman, Swansea University



**Senedd Cymru**  
**Welsh Parliament**

	Dr Koldo Casla, University of Essex
Committee Staff:	Manon George (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Jonathan Baxter (Researcher) 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.

## **2 Local Authority Library and Leisure Services – evidence session 1**

2.1. The Committee received evidence from:

Jennifer Huygen, Head of Policy and Strategic Partnerships, Community Leisure UK

Owen Hathway, Assistant Director for Investments, Insights, Policy and Public Affairs, Sports Wales

Glenn Bowen, interim Chief Executive, Cwmpas

Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive, One Voice Wales

## **3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the following items of the meeting: 4, 5, 6 and 11**

3.1. The Committee agreed the motion.

## **4 Consideration of the evidence received under item 2**

4.1. The Committee considered the evidence.

## **5 Consideration of terms of reference – private rented sector inquiry**

5.1. The Committee considered and agreed the terms of reference.

## **6 Consideration of Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No 6) for the Social Housing (Regulation) Bill**

6.1. The Committee considered the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No 6).

## **7 The Right to Adequate Housing – evidence session 3**

7.1. The Committee received evidence from:

Faye Patton, Policy & Project Manager, Care and Repair Cymru

Laura Courtney, Head of Policy and External Affairs, Community Housing Cymru

Jim McKirdle, Housing Policy Officer, Welsh Local Government Association

## **8 The Right to Adequate Housing – evidence session 4**

8.1. The Committee received evidence from:

Dr Jessie Hohmann, University of Technology Sydney

8.2. The Committee received apologies from Dr Beth Watts–Cobbe, Heriot–Watt University.

8.3. During the evidence session Dr Jessie Hohmann agreed to provide resources on the implementation of the right to adequate housing.

## **9 The Right to Adequate Housing – evidence session 5**

9.1. The Committee received evidence from:

Professor Simon Hoffman, Swansea University

Dr Koldo Casla, University of Essex

## **10 Papers to note**

### **10.1 Letter from the Finance Committee in relation to the Welsh Government draft budget 2023–24**

10.1.a. The Committee noted the letter from the Finance Committee in relation to the Welsh Government draft budget 2023–24.

### **10.2 Letter from Business Committee in relation to Supplementary LCM (Memorandum No.5) for the Social Housing (Regulation) Bill**

10.2.a. The Committee noted the letter from Business Committee in relation to Supplementary LCM (Memorandum No.5) for the Social Housing (Regulation) Bill.

## **11 Consideration of the evidence received under items 7, 8 and 9**

11.1. The Committee considered the evidence received.