

# Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5

Meeting date: Thursday, 30 November 2023

Meeting time: 09.00 – 13.45

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	John Griffiths MS (Chair) Joel James MS Sam Rowlands MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	Shereen Williams, Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales Tom Jenkins, Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales Malcolm Burr, The Electoral Management Board for Scotland Professor Alistair Clark, Newcastle University Jessica Laimann, Women's Equality Network (WEN) Wales Ruth Cornick, Welsh Government Chris Humphreys, Welsh Government Debra Carter, Welsh Government Simon Tew, Welsh Government



Committee Staff:	<p>Catherine Hunt (Clerk)</p> <p>Angharad Era (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Rachael Davies (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Ben Harris (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Osian Bowyer (Researcher)</p> <p>Philip Lewis (Researcher)</p>
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## **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 Apologies were received from Luke Fletcher MS.
- 1.3 Apologies were received from Jayne Bryant MS.

## **2 Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill– Evidence session 6**

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

Shereen Williams, Chief Executive, Local Democracy and Boundary Commission For Wales

Tom Jenkins, Head of Policy and Programmes, Local Democracy and Boundary Commission For Wales

## **3 Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill– Evidence session 7**

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

Malcolm Burr, Convener, Electoral Management Board for Scotland.

## **4 Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill– Evidence session 8**

4.1 The Committee received evidence from:

Professor Alistair Clark, Professor of Political Science, Newcastle University

## **5 Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill– Evidence session 9**

5.1 The Committee received evidence from:

Dr Jessica Laimann, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, WEN Wales.

## **6 Papers to note**

**6.1 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government**

6.1a The Committee noted the letter.

**6.2 P–06–1358 Review the inadequate funding for Schools in Wales – Letter from the Chair of Petitions Committee**

6.2a The Committee noted the letter.

**6.3 Homelessness – Letter from Public Services Ombudsman for Wales**

6.3a The Committee noted the letter.

**6.4 Building safety – Letter from the Minister for Climate Change**

6.4a The Committee noted the letter.

**6.5 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement – Letter from the First Minister to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee**

6.5a The Committee noted the letter.

**7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting, and for item 1 on 7 December**

7.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

**8 Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill – Consideration of evidence**

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence.

**9 Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill – technical briefing from Welsh Government officials**

9.1 The Committee received a technical briefing from Welsh Government officials:

Debra Carter, Deputy Director, Local Government Finance Division

Simon Tew, Bill Manager, Local Government Finance Bill

Ruth Cornick, Lawyer

Chris Humphreys, Lawyer