

Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5

Meeting date: Thursday, 18 April 2024

Meeting time: 09.30

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	John Griffiths MS (Chair) Luke Fletcher MS Joel James MS Sam Rowlands MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	Catherine Hunt (Clerk) Angharad Era (Deputy Clerk) Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser) Jennie Bibbings (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 The Chair noted that, following Jayne Bryant's appointment as Minister for Mental Health & Early Years, she has recused herself from all Committee business. Jayne remains a Member of the Committee until a replacement Member has been elected.

2 Papers to note

2.1 Letter from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Minister for Climate Change – Legislative Consent Memorandum – Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill

2.1a The Committee noted the letter.

2.2 Letter from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee – Legislative Consent Memorandum – Renters (Reform) Bill

2.2a The Committee noted the letter.

2.25 Letter from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Secretary of State for the Home Department – Criminal Justice Bill

2.3a The Committee noted the letter.

2.4 Letter from the Finance Committee – Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25

2.4a The Committee noted the letter.

2.5 Private rented sector – Additional evidence from Community Housing Cymru

2.5a The Committee noted the additional evidence.

2.6 Private rented sector – Additional evidence from TPAS Cymru

2.6a The Committee noted the additional evidence.

2.7 Private rented sector – Additional evidence from Crisis

2.7a The Committee noted the additional evidence.

2.8 Private rented sector – Additional evidence from Dogs Trust

2.8a The Committee noted the additional evidence.

2.9 Private rented sector – Additional evidence from PropertyMark

2.9a The Committee noted the additional evidence.

2.10 Private rented sector – Additional evidence from Dr Tom Simcock

2.10a The Committee noted the additional evidence.

2.11 Private rented sector – Additional evidence from Generation Rent

2.11a The Committee noted the additional evidence.

2.12 Private rented sector – Additional evidence from Acorn

2.12a The Committee noted the additional evidence.

2.13 Private rented sector – Additional evidence from National Residential Landlords Association

2.13a The Committee noted the additional evidence.

2.14 Private rented sector – Additional evidence from Community Housing Cymru

2.14a The Committee noted the additional evidence.

2.15 Private rented sector – Additional evidence from Paragon Bank

2.15a The Committee noted the additional evidence.

2.16 Letter from the Public Service Ombudsman – the provision of sites for Gypsy, Roma and Travellers

2.16a The Committee noted the letter.

2.17 Press release from Travelling Ahead – the provision of sites for Gypsy, Roma and Travellers

2.17a The Committee noted the press release.

**2.18 Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution & Cabinet Office –
Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill**

2.18a The Committee noted the letter.

**2.19 Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution & Cabinet Office to
Finance Committee – Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill**

2.19a The Committee noted the letter.

**2.20 Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution & Cabinet Office to the
Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee – Local Government Finance
(Wales) Bill**

2.20a The Committee noted the letter.

**3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the
public from the remainder of this meeting**

3.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

**4 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No.
3) on the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill**

4.1 The Committee considered the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum.

**5 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Renters (Reform) Bill –
Further consideration**

5.1 The Committee considered the Legislative Consent Memorandum.

6 Forward work programme

6.1 The Committee considered the forward work programme.

7 Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill – Stage 2 order of consideration

7.1 The Committee agreed in accordance with Standing Order 26.21, that the order of consideration for Stage 2 proceedings would be: Sections 1 to 59, Schedule 1, sections 60 to 71, and the long title.