

Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 12 February 2014**

Meeting time: **09:00 – 12:00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Christine Chapman (Chair)
Leighton Andrews
Peter Black
Jocelyn Davies
Janet Finch–Saunders
Mike Hedges
Mark Isherwood
Gwyn R Price
Jenny Rathbone

Witnesses:

Peter Gomer, Welsh Local Government Association
Richard Hughes, Welsh Local Government Association
Carol Edwards, CILIP
Mandy Powell, CILIP
Jane Sellwood, Chief Librarians

Committee Staff:

Sarah Beasley (Clerk)
Leanne Hatcher (Deputy Clerk)
Jonathan Baxter (Researcher)
Robin Wilkinson (Researcher)

TRANSCRIPT

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public.

1.2 Apologies for absence received from Rhodri Glyn Thomas.

2 Inquiry into Public Libraries in Wales: Evidence Session 1 Welsh Local Government Association

2.1 The Committee received evidence from the Welsh Local Government Association.

2.2 The Welsh Local Government Association agreed to provide:

- statistics on the use of digital library services and a breakdown of the age of users;
- information on the Libraries Inspire programme, in relation to the use of University Libraries and how access to reference material could be widened.

The Committee requested a legal briefing on the status of the guidance (Welsh Public Library Standards) issued by Welsh Ministers under the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964 (i.e, whether this is statutory or voluntary guidance).

3 Inquiry into Public Libraries in Wales: Evidence Session 2 Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals

3.1 The Committee received evidence from Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals and Chief Librarians.

The CILIP agreed to provide:

- information on the number of users/visitors to libraries in each local authority;
- on the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964 and the provisions within it;
- on whether Library Management Systems could be accessed across the border.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business: Item 5

5 Housing (Wales) Bill: Consideration of Key Issues

5.1 The Committee considered the Key Issues.

6 Papers to note