

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 14 July 2016

Meeting time: 09.00 – 10.55

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Gareth Bennett AM John Griffiths AM (Chair) Siân Gwenllian AM Rhianon Passmore AM Jenny Rathbone AM
Witnesses:	Reg Kilpatrick, Director, Welsh Government Amelia John, Welsh Government Mark Drakeford AM, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government
Committee Staff:	Sarah Beasley (Clerk) Sarah Sargent (Deputy Clerk) Hannah Johnson (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.



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1.2 Apologies for absence were received from Janet Finch Saunders AM, Joyce Watson AM and Bethan Jenkins AM.

2 Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government – discussion of early priorities

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Mark Drakeford AM, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government
- Amelia John, Deputy Director, Fairer Futures Division, Welsh Government
- Reg Kilpatrick, Director for Local Government, Welsh Government

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

3.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

4 Consideration of the evidence given by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government

4.1 The Committee considered the evidence given by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government.

5 Forward work programme – discussion of early business

5.1 The Committee had a discussion about early business and considered a draft forward work programme for the autumn term.

5.2 The Committee agreed to invite the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children to attend a meeting early in the autumn term to discuss his priorities within his portfolio. The Committee also agreed to invite the Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language to attend a scrutiny session to discuss the role and priorities of the recently announced Valleys Taskforce.

5.3 To begin its work programme, the Committee agreed to undertake a piece of post-legislative scrutiny work on the implementation of the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015, to be carried out in the autumn term.

5.4 To help inform the Committee's longer term forward work programme, the Committee agreed to write to stakeholders over the summer to ask for views on priorities and the potential scope of future inquiries.

Transcript