

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 15 September
2016

Meeting time: 09.00 – 10.11

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Janet Finch–Saunders AM Siân Gwenllïan AM Bethan Jenkins AM Rhianon Passmore AM Jenny Rathbone AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	Jon Antoniazzi (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Katie Wyatt Hannah Johnson



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

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

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 Equality and Local Government Committee – Forward programme

2.1a The Committee noted the Forward work programme.

2.2 Letter from the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee regarding interim remit of the Committee

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2.3 Letter from the Finance Committee regarding the Welsh Government draft budget 2017–18

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2.5 Letter from the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee regarding the Wales Bill

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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 Scrutiny of the UK Government's Wales Bill

4.1 The Committee considered the UK Government's Wales Bill and agreed to write to the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee with its views on the Bill. A draft response will be considered at its meeting on 21 September.

5 Post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Act 2015 – update and next steps

5.1 The Committee received an update on and agreed next steps for its post-legislative scrutiny work on the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015. The Chair agreed to write to the newly appointed Police and Crime Commissioners to request details of the Commissioners forward work programmes and any planned work relating to violence against women.