

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 25 October
2018

Meeting time: 09.05 – 12.10

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Jayne Bryant AM Mark Isherwood AM Jenny Rathbone AM
Witnesses:	Jon Rae, Welsh Local Government Association Steve Thomas, Welsh Local Government Association Anthony Hunt, Welsh Local Government Association Debbie Wilcox Carys Lord, Vale of Glamorgan Council
Committee Staff:	Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Jonathan Baxter (Researcher) Osian Bowyer (Researcher) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser)



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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

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

1.2 The Chair thanked Bethan Sayed AM for her work on the Committee. The Chair also welcomed Leanne Wood AM as a new member to the Committee

2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20: evidence session 1

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Leader of the Welsh Local Government Association
- Councillor Anthony Hunt, Finance Spokesperson, Welsh Local Government Association
- Steve Thomas, Chief Executive, Welsh Local Government Association
- Jon Rae, Director of Resources, Welsh Local Government Association
- Carys Lord, Head of Finance, Vale of Glamorgan Council

3 Inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales (private sector): evidence session 6

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Tom Jones, Senior Project Manager, Viridis Real Estate

4 Papers to note

4.1 Letter from the Chair of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee in relation to the inquiry into the role of arts and culture in addressing poverty and social exclusion

4.1a The Committee discussed the letter from the Chair of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee in relation to the inquiry into the role of arts and culture in addressing poverty and social exclusion

4.2 Letter from the Minister for Housing and Regeneration in relation to fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales

4.2a The Committee discussed the letter from the Minister for Housing and Regeneration in relation to fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales

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

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

6 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20: consideration of the evidence received under item 2

6.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under item 2

7 Inquiry into fire safety in high rise blocks in Wales (private sector): consideration of the evidence received under item 3

7.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under item 3