

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Monday, 9 November
2020

Meeting time: 13.00 – 17.15

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths MS (Chair) Dawn Bowden MS Huw Irranca-Davies MS Mark Isherwood MS Delyth Jewell MS
Witnesses:	Daniel Hurford, Welsh Local Government Association Andrew Morgan, Welsh Local Government Association Hayley Thomas, Powys Teaching Health Board Nesta Lloyd-Jones, NHS Confederation Chris Johnes, Building Communities Trust Bethan Russell Williams, Mantell Gwynedd Amanda Carr, Swansea Council for Voluntary Service Patience Bentu, Race Council Cymru Rocio Cifuentes, Ethnic Youth Support Team



Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk)
	Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk)
	Jonathan Baxter (Researcher)
	Ben Harris (Legal Adviser)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee.
- 1.2. In accordance with Standing Order 34.19, the Chair stated that he had determined that the public were excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health.
- 1.3. The Chair stated that if for any reason he dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Dawn Bowden MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

2 Inquiry into COVID-19 and its impact on the voluntary sector – evidence session 4

- 2.1. The Committee received evidence from:
 - Nesta Lloyd-Jones, Assistant Director, NHS Confederation
 - Hayley Thomas, Executive Director of Planning and Performance, Powys Teaching Health Board
 - Councillor Andrew Morgan, Leader, Welsh Local Government Association
 - Daniel Hurford, Head of Policy (Improvement and Governance), Welsh Local Government Association

3 Inquiry into COVID-19 and its impact on the voluntary sector – evidence session 5

- 3.1. The Committee received evidence from:
 - Amanda Carr, Director, Swansea Council for Voluntary Service

- Bethan Russell Williams, Chief Officer, Mantell Gwynedd
- Chris Johnes, Chief Executive, Building Communities Trust

4 Inquiry into COVID-19 and its impact on the voluntary sector – evidence session 6

4.1. The Committee received evidence from:

- Patience Bentu, National Community Engagement Lead, Race Council Cymru
- Rocio Cifuentes, Chief Executive, Ethnic Minorities and Youth Support Team Wales (EYST)

5 Paper(s) to note

5.1 Letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales in relation to scrutiny of the annual report

5.1.a. The Committee noted the letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales in relation to scrutiny of the annual report.

5.2 Letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales to the Minister for Health and Social Services in relation to NHS Complaints data

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

6.1. The Committee agreed the motion.

7 Inquiry into COVID-19 and its impact on the voluntary sector – consideration of the evidence received

7.1. The Committee discussed the evidence received.

8 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – consideration of the appointment process

8.1. The Committee considered the approach to the appointment process of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

9 Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill – order of consideration for Stage 2 proceedings

9.1. The Committee agreed the order of consideration for Stage 2 proceedings of the Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill.