

Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

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

Meeting date: **Thursday, 29 March 2012**

Meeting time: **09:31**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Ann Jones (Chair)
Peter Black
Mike Hedges
Mark Isherwood
Gwyn R Price
Ken Skates
Rhodri Glyn Thomas
Joyce Watson

Witnesses:

Carl Sargeant, Minister for Local Government and Communities
June Milligan, Welsh Government
Owain Lloyd, Welsh Government
Huw Lewis, Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage
John Howells, Welsh Government
Kath Palmer, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk)
Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)
Bethan Roberts (Legal Advisor)
Rhys Iorwerth (Researcher)

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Bethan Jenkins and Janet Finch-Saunders, there were no substitutions.

2. Ministerial Scrutiny session – Minister for Local Government and Communities

2.1 The Chair welcomed the Minister and his officials. The Members questioned the Minister.

2.2 The Minister agreed to provide a note on the following:

The structure of the Public Service Leadership Group (PSLG);

The Minister agreed to write to the local authorities who hadn't completed the Equal Pay Settlement process and update the Committee with their predicted timescales;

Progress update on the new role of the Partnership Council for Wales;

When appropriate an update on the monitoring and outcomes of the Communities First clusters;

Update on the progression with the Tier 4 planned proposals and the dual diagnostics issues.

3. Ministerial Scrutiny session – Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage

3.1 The Chair welcomed the Minister and his officials. The Members questioned the Minister.

3.2 The Minister agreed to provide a note on the following points:

Details on any plans for an Empty Homes Strategy;

Update on co-operative housing;

List of all grants available for sports clubs.

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

4.1 The Committee agreed to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for item 5.

5. Consideration of Key Issues on the National Assembly for Wales (Official Languages) Bill

5.1 The Chair welcomed Alun Ffred Jones, who was substituting for Rhodri Glyn Thomas, and Eluned Parrott, who was substituting for Peter Black, in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.

5.2 The Committee considered the Key Issues on the Bill.

5.2 Members were informed that the points and recommendations they suggested would be included in the draft report, which would be considered at the Committee's next meeting on Wednesday 25 April.

TRANSCRIPT

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