

Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Friday, 21 January 2022

Meeting time: 10. – 12.15

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	John Griffiths MS (Chair) Mabon ap Gwynfor MS Alun Davies MS Joel James MS Sam Rowlands MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change Amelia John, Welsh Government Emma Williams, Welsh Government Stuart Fitzgerald, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Manon George (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Jonathan Baxter (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Local Government and Housing Committee.

1.2. The following Members declared relevant interests:

- Carolyn Thomas MS
- Joel James MS

2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23: Evidence session 3 – Minister for Climate Change

2.1. The Committee received evidence from:

Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change

Emma Williams, Director of Housing and Regeneration, Welsh Government

Amelia John, Deputy Director, Housing Policy, Welsh Government

Stuart Fitzgerald, Deputy Director, Homes and Places, Welsh Government

2.2. The Minister for Climate Change agreed to provide further information on:

- the reasons why many ethnic minority parents have presented themselves as homeless to local authorities;
- an outline of the implementation timetable for the Renting Homes (Wales) Act, and, when available, a note on the lessons learned from the legislation.

3 Papers to note

3.1 Letter from the Minister for Climate Change in relation to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales' report "Homelessness Reviewed: an open door to positive change"

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3.2 Letter from the Minister for Climate Change in relation to housing matters raised by the National Residential Landlords Association (NRLA)

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

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

5 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23 – consideration of the evidence received under item 2

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under item 2.

6 Business Committee review of the committee timetable and remits

6.1. The Committee discussed the Business Committee review of the committee timetable and remits.