

Concise Minutes – Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: 8 October 2015

Meeting time: 09. – 11.00

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Christine Chapman AM (Chair) Peter Black AM Alun Davies AM Jocelyn Davies AM Janet Finch-Saunders AM Mike Hedges AM Mark Isherwood AM Gwyn R Price AM Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM John Griffiths AM
Witnesses:	Lesley Griffiths AM, The Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty, Welsh Government Neil Buffin, Welsh Government Simon White, Welsh Government



Committee Staff:	Sarah Beasley (Clerk) Claire Morris (Second Clerk) Sarah Sargent (Deputy Clerk) Matthew Richards (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 Apologies for absence were received from Gwenda Thomas AM. John Griffiths AM substituted for Gwenda Thomas AM, in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.

2 Renting Homes (Wales) Bill: Stage 2 – consideration of amendments

2.1 Alun Davies declared the following relevant interest under Standing Order 17.24A:

- He is a private landlord.

2.2 Rhodri Glyn Thomas declared the following relevant interest under Standing Order 17.24A:

- He is a tenant in the private rented sector.

2.3 Peter Black declared the following relevant interest under Standing Order 17.24A:

- He is a Member of the City and County of Swansea.

2.4 Janet Finch–Saunders declared the following relevant interests under Standing Order 17.24A:

- She is a private landlord and a tenant in the private rented sector.

2.5 Mark Isherwood declared the following relevant interest under Standing Order 17.24A:

- He is a tenant in the private rented sector.

2.6 Lesley Griffiths declared the following relevant interest under Standing Order 17.24A:

- She is a tenant in the private rented sector.

2.7 In accordance with Standing Order 26.21, the Committee disposed of the following amendments to the Bill:

Amendment 136 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch-Saunders	John Griffiths	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Mike Hedges	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 136 was not agreed.		

Amendment 137 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch-Saunders	John Griffiths	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Mike Hedges	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 137 was not agreed.		

Amendment 138 (Peter Black) was not moved.

Amendment 186 (Mark Isherwood)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch–Saunders	John Griffiths	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Mike Hedges	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 186 was not agreed.		

Amendment 187 (Mark Isherwood)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Janet Finch–Saunders	Alun Davies	
Mark Isherwood	Jocelyn Davies	
	John Griffiths	
	Mike Hedges	
	Gwyn Price	
	Rhodri Glyn Thomas	
Amendment 187 was not agreed.		

Amendment 28 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 139 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Janet Finch–Saunders	
	John Griffiths	
	Mike Hedges	
	Mark Isherwood	
	Gwyn Price	
Amendment 139 was not agreed.		

Amendment 49 (Jocelyn Davies) was not moved.

Amendment 29 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 50 (Jocelyn Davies) was not moved.

Amendment 51 (Jocelyn Davies) was not moved.

Amendment 52 (Jocelyn Davies) was not moved.

Amendment 53 (Jocelyn Davies) was not moved.

Amendment 140 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
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Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch–Saunders	John Griffiths	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Mike Hedges	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 140 was not agreed.		

Amendment 165 (Jocelyn Davies)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch–Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 165 was not agreed.		

Amendment 30 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 141 (Peter Black) was not moved.

Amendment 166 (Jocelyn Davies)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	

Janet Finch–Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 166 was not agreed.		

Amendment 142 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Janet Finch–Saunders	
	John Griffiths	
	Mike Hedges	
	Mark Isherwood	
	Gwyn Price	
Amendment 142 was not agreed.		

Amendment 31 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 73 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 32 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 74 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 143 (Peter Black) was not moved.

Amendment 144 (Peter Black) was not moved.

Amendment 167 (Jocelyn Davies)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch–Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 167 was not agreed.		

Amendment 33 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 34 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 145 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Janet Finch–Saunders	Alun Davies	
Mark Isherwood	Jocelyn Davies	
	Rhodri Glyn Thomas	

	Mike Hedges	
	John Griffiths	
	Gwyn Price	
Amendment 145 was not agreed.		

Amendment 54 (Jocelyn Davies)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch–Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 54 was not agreed.		

Amendment 146 (Peter Black) was not moved.

Amendment 147 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	Janet Finch–Saunders
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	Mark Isherwood
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Mike Hedges	
	John Griffiths	
	Gwyn Price	
Amendment 147 was not agreed.		

Amendment 188 (Mark Isherwood)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch–Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 188 was not agreed.		

Amendment 55 (Jocelyn Davies)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch–Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 55 was not agreed.		

Amendment 148 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch–Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance		

with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 148 was not agreed.

Amendment 149 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch–Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 149 was not agreed.		

Amendment 150 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch–Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 150 was not agreed.		

Amendment 151 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	

Janet Finch–Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 151 was not agreed.		

Amendment 35 (Lesley Griffiths)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Christine Chapman	Peter Black	
Alun Davies	Jocelyn Davies	
Mike Hedges	Janet Finch–Saunders	
John Griffiths	Rhodri Glyn Thomas	
Gwyn Price	Mark Isherwood	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 35 was not agreed.		

Amendment 56 (Jocelyn Davies)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch–Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 56 was not agreed.		

Amendment 57 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch–Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
<p>As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 57 was not agreed.</p>		

Amendment 152 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch–Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
<p>As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 152 was not agreed.</p>		

Amendment 153 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch–Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
<p>As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance</p>		

with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 153 was not agreed.

Amendment 154 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch–Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 154 was not agreed.		

Amendment 58 (Jocelyn Davies)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	Janet Finch–Saunders
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	Mark Isherwood
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
	Mike Hedges	
	Gwyn Price	
Amendment 58 was not agreed.		

Amendment 155 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch–Saunders	Mike Hedges	

Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 155 was not agreed.		

Amendment 189 (Mark Isherwood)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch-Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 189 was not agreed.		

Amendment 36 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 37 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 156 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch-Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	

Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 156 was not agreed.		

Amendment 157 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch–Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 157 was not agreed.		

Amendment 158 (Peter Black) fell.

Amendment 159 (Peter Black) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 160 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch–Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 160 was not agreed.		

Amendment 161 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch–Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 161 was not agreed.		

Amendment 162 (Peter Black)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch–Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 162 was not agreed.		

Amendment 190 (Mark Isherwood) fell.

Amendment 191 (Mark Isherwood) fell.

Amendment 192 (Mark Isherwood) fell.

Amendment 193 (Mark Isherwood) fell.

Amendment 194 (Mark Isherwood)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch-Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 194 was not agreed.		

Amendment 59 (Jocelyn Davies)

In favour	Against	Abstain
Peter Black	Christine Chapman	
Jocelyn Davies	Alun Davies	
Janet Finch-Saunders	Mike Hedges	
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	John Griffiths	
Mark Isherwood	Gwyn Price	
As the vote was tied, the Chair used her casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20 (ii)). Therefore amendment 59 was not agreed.		

Amendment 78 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 38 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 79 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 80 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 40 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 41 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 81 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 42 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 43 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 75 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 76 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 77 (Lesley Griffiths) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

2.8 The Chair confirmed that all sections and schedules of the Bill have been deemed agreed, completing Stage 2 proceedings.