

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 27 February
2020

Meeting time: 09.26 – 12.22

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Dawn Bowden AM Huw Irranca-Davies AM David Melding AM Mark Isherwood AM Delyth Jewell AM Caroline Jones AM
Witnesses:	Julie James AM, Minister for Housing and Local Government Emma Williams, Welsh Government Rebecca Raikes, Welsh Government Simon White, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk)



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	Jonathan Baxter (Researcher) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser) Rhiannon Lewis Katie Wyatt
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1. The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public.
- 1.2. Apologies for absence were received from Mark Isherwood AM for item 2. David Melding AM substituted in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.

2 Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill: evidence session 1

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Julie James AM, Minister for Housing and Local Government
- Emma Williams, Deputy Director, Housing Policy Division, Welsh Government
- Rebecca Raikes, Lawyer, Welsh Government
- Simon White, Head of Housing Strategy and Legislation, Welsh Government

3 Papers to note

3.1 Additional information from the Electoral Reform Society in relation to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill

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

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

5 Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill: evidence session 1 – consideration of the evidence received

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under item 2.

6 Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill – consideration of the draft report

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