

# Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Monday, 2 November 2020

Meeting time: 13.15 – 17.05

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths MS (Chair) Huw Irranca-Davies MS Mark Isherwood MS Delyth Jewell MS
Witnesses:	Ruth Marks, Wales Council for Voluntary Action Fiona Liddell, Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) Noreen Blanluet, Co-production Network for Wales Jas Bains, Hafod Kate Griffiths, British Red Cross Carol Mack, Wales Funders Forum John Rose, National Lottery Community Fund Rebecca Watkins, Moondance Foundation Richard Williams, Community Foundation Wales
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk)



	Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk) Jonathan Baxter (Researcher) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser)
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## **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. Apologies for absence were received from Dawn Bowden MS.
- 1.4. The Chair stated that if for any reason he dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Huw Irranca-Davies 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 1**

- 2.1. The Committee received evidence from:
  - Ruth Marks, Chief Executive, WCVA
  - Fiona Liddell, Manager, Helpforce Cymru
  - Noreen Blanluet, Lead consultant, Co-production Network for Wales
- 2.2. During the evidence session, the witnesses agreed to share good practice examples and models of engagement and co-production developed and used through the pandemic.

2.3. During the evidence session, the WCVA agreed to provide more information on the lessons learnt around financial management during the pandemic.

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

3.1. The Committee received evidence from:

- Kate Griffiths, Director for Wales, British Red Cross
- Jas Bains, Chief Executive, Hafod

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

4.1. The Committee received evidence from:

- Carol Mack, Chair, Wales Funders Forum
- Rebecca Watkins, Foundation Director, Moondance Foundation
- Richard Williams, Chief Executive, Community Foundation Wales
- John Rose, Wales Director, National Lottery Community Fund

### **5 Paper(s) to note**

#### **5.1 Additional evidence from Welsh Women's Aid in relation to the inquiry into COVID-19**

5.1.a. The Committee noted the additional evidence from Welsh Women's Aid in relation to the inquiry into COVID-19.

#### **5.2 Letter from the Chair of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee to the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales in relation to the impact of COVID-19**

5.2.a. The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee to the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales in relation to the impact of COVID-19.

### **5.3 Correspondence from the Older People's Commissioner for Wales in relation to the impact of COVID-19**

5.3.a. The Committee noted the correspondence from the Older People's Commissioner for Wales in relation to the impact of COVID-19.

### **5.4 Briefing from the Equality and Human Rights Commission in relation to residential care in Wales and the COVID-19 pandemic**

5.4.a. The Committee noted the briefing from the Equality and Human Rights Commission in relation to residential care in Wales and the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **5.5 Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Llywydd in relation to COVID-19 regulations**

5.5.a. The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Llywydd in relation to COVID-19 regulations.

### **5.6 Correspondence from Welsh Women's Aid in relation to the Domestic Abuse Bill**

5.6.a. The Committee noted the correspondence from Welsh Women's Aid in relation to the Domestic Abuse Bill.

### **5.7 Letter from the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip to the Chair and Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the Domestic Abuse Bill**

5.7.a. The Committee noted the letter from the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip to the Chair and Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the Domestic Abuse Bill.

### **5.8 Letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee in relation to rough sleeping**

5.8.a. The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee in relation to rough sleeping.

## **5.9 Letter from the Wales Governance Centre in relation to inequality within the criminal justice system in Wales**

5.9.a. The Committee noted the letter from the Wales Governance Centre in relation to inequality within the criminal justice system in Wales and agreed to write to the Welsh Government and UK Government on the matters raised.

## **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 evidence received**

7.1. The Committee discussed the evidence received.