

Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

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

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 10 October 2012**

Meeting time: **09:32 – 12:00**

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Assembly Members:

Ann Jones (Chair)
Peter Black
Janet Finch–Saunders
Mike Hedges
Mark Isherwood
Bethan Jenkins
Gwyn R Price
Ken Skates
Joyce Watson

Witnesses:

Carl Sargeant, Minister for Local Government and Communities
Reg Kilpatrick, Director, Welsh Government
Kate Cassidy, Welsh Government
Jane Hutt, Minister for Finance and Leader of the House
Amelia John, Welsh Government
Claire McDonald, Welsh Government
Joanne Glenn, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk)
Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)
Rhys Iorwerth (Researcher)
Hannah Johnson (Researcher)
Gwyn Griffiths (Legal Advisor)

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

Apologies were received from Rhodri Glyn Thomas, there was no substitute.

2. Scrutiny of Welsh Government 2013/2014 draft budget

The Chair welcomed the Minister and his Officials. Members questioned the Minister.

The Minister agreed to provide the following:

An update on the progress with the result based accountability process;

A definition of Sustainable Development and ask the Minister for Environment and Sustainability to write to the Committee on this issue;

Information on the Financial Regulatory Impact Assessment of Bills and whether there are mechanisms in place to track this process;

If possible to provide some figures relating to the scheme proposed to replace council tax benefit in April 2013;

The Community First Partnerships that have exited the scheme;

Further information on the additional funding for the advice sector and

Details on the model used for funding the Fire and Rescue Service and in particular how it compares to the funding of the Police and Local Authorities.

3. Scrutiny of Welsh Government 2013/2014 draft budget

The Chair welcomed the Minister and her Officials. Members questioned the Minister.

The Minister agreed to provide the following:

The list of external organisations who have been funded over the 3 year period;

The template used for the Equality Impact Assessment guidance and

The budget allocations to organisations who support the provision of the Refugee Inclusion Strategy Action Plan.

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

Motion agreed.

5. Inquiry into the Welsh Government's historic environment policy – Consideration of approach

The Committee agreed to write to the Minister regarding the issue of the proposed merger of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales.

TRANSCRIPT

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