

# Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 3 November 2021

Meeting time: 09.15 – 11.56

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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:	Dr Simon Brooks, Swansea University
Committee Staff:	Manon George (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Samiwel Davies (Legal Adviser) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser)



# **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

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

## **2 Papers to note**

### **2.1 Letter to the Minister for Climate Change in relation to the LCM on the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill**

2.1.a The Committee noted the letter to the Minister for Climate Change in relation to the LCM on the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill.

### **2.2 Letter from the Minister for Climate Change in relation to the LCM on the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill**

2.2.a The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Climate Change in relation to the LCM on the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill.

### **2.3 Letter from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution in relation to the LCM on the Elections Bill**

2.3.a The Committee noted the letter from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution in relation to the LCM on the Elections Bill.

### **2.4 Briefing from the Electoral Commission on the UK Government Elections Bill**

2.4.a The Committee noted the briefing from the Electoral Commission on the UK Government Elections Bill.

### **2.5 Letter from the Chair of the Llywydd's Committee to the UK Government's Minister of State for Levelling Up and Equalities in relation to the Elections Bill**

2.5.a The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the Llywydd's Committee to the UK Government's Minister of State for Levelling Up and Equalities in relation to the Elections Bill.

## **2.6 Letter to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the LCM on the Building Safety Bill**

2.6.a The Committee noted the letter to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the LCM on the Building Safety Bill.

## **2.7 Letter to the Minister for Climate Change in relation to the LCM on the Building Safety Bill**

2.7.a The Committee noted the letter to the Minister for Climate Change in relation to the LCM on the Building Safety Bill.

## **2.8 Letter from the Minister for Climate Change in relation to the LCM on the Building Safety Bill**

2.8.a The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Climate Change in relation to the LCM on the Building Safety Bill and discussed it further under item 5 of this meeting.

## **2.9 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government in relation to allocations from the Welsh Government's Covid Reserve**

2.9.a The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government in relation to allocations from the Welsh Government's Covid Reserve.

## **2.10 Letter from the Petitions Committee in relation to Petition P-05-1056 Give Local Authorities powers to control the housing market in rural and tourist areas of Wales**

2.10.a The Committee noted the letter from the Petitions Committee in relation to Petition P-05-1056 Give Local Authorities powers to control the housing market in rural and tourist areas of Wales and agreed to respond to the letter.

## **2.11 Letter from Make UK in relation to manufacturing in Wales**

2.11.a The Committee noted the letter from Make UK in relation to manufacturing in Wales and agreed to respond to the letter.

## **2.12 Letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales in relation to**

### **"Homelessness Reviewed: an open door to positive change"**

2.12.a The Committee noted the letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales in relation to "Homelessness Reviewed: an open door to positive change" and agreed to respond to the letter.

## **3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**

3.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

## **4 Consideration of the draft report on the LCM on the Elections Bill**

4.1 The Committee considered and agreed the draft report on the LCM on the Elections Bill.

## **5 Update on the LCM and Supplementary LCM on the Building Safety Bill**

5.1 The Committee discussed the LCM and Supplementary LCM on the Building Safety Bill, and a letter from the Minister for Climate Change, and agreed to invite the Minister for Climate Change to attend a future session relating to the LCM.

## **6 Briefing from Dr Simon Brooks, Swansea University, in relation to second homes**

6.1 The Committee received a briefing from Dr Simon Brooks, Swansea University, in relation to second homes.

## **7 Consideration of the scope and approach to the inquiry into second homes**

7.1 The Committee considered and agreed the scope and approach to the inquiry into second homes.