

Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 17 November 2021

Meeting time: 09.16 – 12.21

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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:	Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change Anna Hind, Welsh Government Francois Samuel, Welsh Government Professor Nick Gallent, UCL Professor Mark Tewdwr-Jones, UCL
Committee Staff:	Manon George (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk)



	Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser) Jonathan Baxter (Researcher) Osian Bowyer (Researcher)
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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 from the Minister for Climate Change following the evidence session on 22 September 2021

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2.2 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government following the evidence session on 22 September 2021

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2.3 Letter to the Petitions Committee in relation to second homes

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2.4 Letter from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in relation to the Residential Property Tribunal Wales and the Adjudication Panel for Wales: Annual Reports 2020–21

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2.5 Letter from the Minister for Climate Change in relation to the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill LCM

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3 Building Safety Bill LCM – evidence session with the Minister for Climate Change

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change

Anna Hind, Government Lawyer, Welsh Government

Francois Samuel, Head of Building Regulations Policy, Welsh Government

4 Inquiry into second homes: evidence session 1 – academics

4.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Professor Nick Gallent, Professor of Housing and Planning, The Bartlett School of Planning, Faculty of the Built Environment, University College London (UCL)
- Professor Mark Tewdwr-Jones, Professor of Cities and Regions, Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis, Faculty of the Built Environment, University College London (UCL)

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

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

6 Inquiry into second homes – consideration of the evidence received under item 4

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

7 Consideration of the Building Safety Bill LCM

7.1 The Committee considered the LCM and the evidence received under item 3, to inform its draft report.

8 Update on the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill LCM

8.1 The Committee received an update on the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill LCM and agreed to write to the Minister for Climate Change.

9 Update on the establishment of Corporate Joint Committees (CJs)

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