

# Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 26 January 2022

Meeting time: 09.16 – 12.28

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## Remote

### 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:	Dyfrig Siencyn, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Jeff Smith, Aberystwyth Town Council Rhys Tudur, Nefyn Town Council Jano Williams, Newport Town Council
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.

1.2. The following Members declared relevant interests:

- Mabon ap Gwynfor MS
- Carolyn Thomas MS
- Sam Rowlands MS
- Joel James MS

## **2 Inquiry into second homes: evidence session 3 – local government**

2.1. The Committee received evidence from:

- Councillor Jano Williams, Newport Town Council
- Councillor Jeff Smith, Aberystwyth Town Council
- Councillor Rhys Tudur, Nefyn Town Council
- Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn, Joint Chair of the WLGA Rural Forum and Joint WLGA Spokesperson on Rural Affairs

## **3 Papers to note**

### **3.1 Letter from Gwynedd Council in relation to second homes**

3.1.a The Committee noted the letter from Gwynedd Council in relation to second homes.

### **3.2 Letter from the Petitions Committee in relation to the Petition P-06-1204 Protect the people of Wales – Take urgent action on the housing crisis now**

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### **3.3 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government to the Local Government and Housing Committee following the evidence session on 12 January 2022**

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### **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**

4.1. The Committee agreed the motion.

### **5 Inquiry into second homes – consideration of the evidence received under item 2**

5.1. The Committee discussed the evidence received.

### **6 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022-23 – consideration of the draft report**

6.1. The Committee considered the draft report and agreed a number of changes.

### **7 Consideration of the response to the Business Committee review of the committee timetable and remits**

7.1. The Committee discussed its response to the Business Committee review of committee timetable and remits.

## **8 Consideration of the forward work programme**

8.1. The Committee agreed to consider the forward work programme at its next meeting due to time constraints.