

Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Rooms 1 and 2

Meeting date: Thursday, 12 January 2023

Meeting time: 09.02 – 12.23

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	John Griffiths MS (Chair) Mabon ap Gwynfor MS Jayne Bryant MS Joel James MS Sam Rowlands MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	Dr Chris Llewelyn, Welsh Local Government Association Llinos Medi, Isle of Anglesey County Council Andrew Morgan, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council Christina Harray, Caerphilly County Borough Council Anthony Hunt, Torfaen Council Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government Reg Kilpatrick, Welsh Government



	Emma Smith, Head of Planning and Performance, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Manon George (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Osian Bowyer (Researcher)

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 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24 – evidence session 1: local government

2.1. The Committee took evidence from:

Councillor Andrew Morgan, Leader, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

Councillor Anthony Hunt, Leader, Torfaen County Borough Council

Councillor Llinos Medi, Leader, Isle of Anglesey County Council

Christina Harrhy, Chief Executive, Caerphilly County Borough Council

Chris Llewelyn, Chief Executive, Welsh Local Government Association

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 4, 7 and 8 of the meeting

3.1. The Committee agreed the motion.

4 Consideration of the evidence received under item 2

4.1. The Committee considered the evidence.

5 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023 – 24 – evidence session 2: Minister for Finance and Local Government

5.1. The Committee took evidence from:

Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government

Emma Smith, Head of Local Government Finance Policy, Welsh Government

Reg Kilpatrick, Director General, Covid Recovery & Local Government, Welsh Government

5.2. The Minister for Finance and Local Government agreed to provide:

An update from the Deputy Minister for Climate Change and the Minister for Education in relation to school transport and the Welsh Language;

A note from the Minister for Climate Change in relation to terrain.

6 Papers to note

6.1 Letter from the Llywydd to all Members in relation to Committee business

6.1.a The Committee noted the letter from the Llywydd to all Members in relation to Committee business.

6.2 Letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee in relation to its inquiry into Public Appointments

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6.3 Correspondence between the First Minister and the Chair of the Finance Committee in relation to the financial implications of Bills

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6.4 Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee to all Committee Chairs in relation to the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24

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6.5 Joint letter from Cymorth Cymru and Community Housing Cymru to the Minister for Climate Change and the Minister for Finance and Local Government in relation to the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24

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6.6 Letter from the Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee to the Chairs of the Children, Young People and Education; Equality and Social Justice; and Local Government and Housing Committees in relation to mental health inequalities

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6.7 Joint letter from the Minister for Social Justice and the Scottish Government's Minister with Responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations in relation to housing Ukrainian refugees

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6.8 Letter from the Minister for Climate Change in relation to building safety

6.8.a The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Climate Change in relation to building safety.

6.9 Letter from the Welsh Cladiators in relation to Building Safety

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6.10 Further information from Shelter Cymru in relation to homelessness

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7 Consideration of the evidence received under item 5

7.1. The Committee considered the evidence.

8 Consideration of the draft report on the Social Housing (Regulation) Bill LCM and SLCMs

8.1. The Committee considered the draft report.