

Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5, Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Wednesday, 12 February 2025

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.31

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	John Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Siân Gwenllïan MS Laura Anne Jones MS Lee Waters MS
Witnesses:	Harriet Green, Centre for Digital Public Services Myra Hunt, Centre for Digital Public Services Tim Buckle, Audit Wales Andrew Strong, Audit Wales Stephen Lisle, Audit Wales Jonathan Carr–West, Local Government Information Unit Marc Davies, Cwmpas Jocelle Lovell, Cwmpas Lindsey Phillips, Interim Chief Digital Officer, Welsh Local



	<p>Government Association</p> <p>Dimitri Batrouni, Welsh Local Government Association</p> <p>Neil Prior, Welsh Local Government Association</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Catherine Hunt (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Evan Jones (Clerk)</p> <p>Osian Bowyer (Researcher)</p>

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Local Government and Housing Committee.
- 1.2 Apologies were given by Lesley Griffiths MS. There were no substitutions.

2 Digital Local Government: Evidence session 1

- 2.1 The Committee received evidence from the Centre for Digital Public Services as part of its inquiry into Digital Local Government.
- 2.2 The representatives from the Centre for Digital Public Services agreed to provide details on the number of local authority chief executives they had met with since being in post.

3 Digital Local Government: Evidence session 2

- 3.1 The Committee received evidence from Audit Wales as part of its inquiry into Digital Local Government.

4 Digital Local Government: Evidence session 3

- 4.1 The Committee received evidence from the Local Government Information Unit and Cwmpas as part of its inquiry into Digital Local Government.

5 Digital Local Government: Evidence session 4

5.1 The Committee received evidence from the Interim Chief Digital Officer and the Welsh Local Government Association as part of its inquiry into Digital Local Government.

5.2 The Interim Chief Digital Officer agreed to share, in due course, the evaluation of work to support the digital advisory group and its impact.

6 Papers to note

6.1 Letter from Propertymark in relation to the private rented sector

6.1 The Committee noted the letter.

6.2 Letter from Y Llywydd in relation to the Business Committee's review of the Public Bill and Member Bill process

6.2 The Committee noted the letter and agreed to schedule time for further discussion.

6.3 Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning in relation to the use of UK government funding for city and regional growth deals

6.3 The Committee noted the letter.

6.4 Letter from Petitions Committee in relation to Petition P-06-1483 Give neighbours their say when holiday let owners start applying for licences

6.4 The Committee noted the letter and agreed to respond to the Petitions Committee.

7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting

7.1 The Committee agreed the Motion.

8 Digital Local Government: Consideration of evidence

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence received and considered the next steps for its inquiry into Digital Local Government.