

Concise Minutes – Local Government and Housing Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2, Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 8 January 2025

Meeting time: 09.32 – 11.37

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	John Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Lesley Griffiths MS Siân Gwenllïan MS Lee Waters MS
Witnesses:	Gary Pritchard, Ynys Mon Council Mark Pritchard, Wrexham County Borough Council Mary Ann Brocklesby, Monmouthshire County Council Jane Gebbie, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)
Committee Staff:	Manon George (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Evan Jones (Deputy Clerk) Rhys Jones (Secretariat) 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.

1.2 The Chair welcomed Peter Fox MS and Laura Anne Jones MS who have replaced Altaf Hussain MS and James Evans MS as Members of the Committee.

1.3 Apologies were received from Laura Anne Jones MS.

1.4 Siân Gwenllïan MS declared that two members of her family work for county councils.

2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26: Evidence session 1 – Welsh Local Government Association

2.1 The Committee received evidence from the Welsh Local Government Association as part of its scrutiny of the Welsh Government draft budget 2025–26.

2.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Local Government Association to ask for their views on the local government funding formula and whether they wished to make any changes to the funding formula.

3 Papers to note

3.1 Letter from Community Leisure UK in relation to the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26

3.1 The Committee noted the letter.

3.2 Letter from Audit Wales with additional information following the meeting of 14 November 2024

3.2 The Committee noted the letter.

3.3 Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee in relation to the right to buy scheme

3.3 The Committee noted the letter.

3.4 Welsh Government response to the Private Rented Sector report

3.4 The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

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

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.

5 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 The provision of sites for Gypsy, Roma and Travellers: Summary of engagement

6.1 The Committee considered the summary of engagement paper.

7 Electoral registration pilot regulations

7.1 The Committee considered the paper.