

# Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Wednesday, 17 April 2013**

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Meeting time: **09:15 – 11:30**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**Ann Jones (Chair)**  
**Peter Black**  
**Janet Finch–Saunders**  
**Mike Hedges**  
**Mark Isherwood**  
**Gwyn R Price**  
**Rhodri Glyn Thomas**  
**Joyce Watson**  
**Lindsay Whittle**

### Witnesses:

**John Howells, Welsh Government**  
**Alyn Williams, Welsh Government**  
**Huw McLean, Welsh Government**  
**Carl Sargeant, Minister for Housing and Regeneration**

### Committee Staff:

**Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk)**  
**Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Jonathan Baxter (Researcher)**

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## 1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Ken Skates, there was no substitute.

## 2. Inquiry into Home Adaptations – Evidence session 14

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Minister for Housing and Regeneration. The Minister agreed to provide a note on the following:

- Welsh Government guidance on DFG's;

- Guidance on whether means testing is being applied differently across Local Authorities;
- The data used in the calculation of the Housing element of General Capital Funding.

### **3. Ministerial Scrutiny Session – Minister for Housing and Regeneration**

3.1 The Committee scrutinised the Minister for Housing and Regeneration on his portfolio. The Minister agreed to provide the following:

- When appropriate, an update on negotiations with the HM Treasury to leave the Housing Revenue Account Subsidy System;
- Details on a replacement scheme to replace the proposed NewBuy Cymru Scheme;
- Specific detail on the Housing Bill and more generally an update on other Legislative components within the portfolio of the Committee.

### **4. Papers to note**

4.1 Papers were noted.

4.1 Inquiry into Home Adaptations – Additional information from the Older People's Commissioner for Wales

4.2 Correspondence following Committee meeting on 21 March

#### **TRANSCRIPT**

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