

Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

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

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 25 June 2014**

Meeting time: **09.00 – 12.40**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Leighton Andrews AM
Peter Black AM
Jocelyn Davies AM
Janet Finch–Saunders AM
Mike Hedges AM
Mark Isherwood AM
Gwyn R Price AM
Jenny Rathbone AM
Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM

Witnesses:

Darren Millar AM
Gareth Howells
Jonathan Baxter
Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Local Government and Government Business
Debra Carter, Head of Local Government Finance and Public Service Performance Division
Lisa James, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Sarah Beasley (Clerk)
Rhys Iorwerth (Researcher)
Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk)

Matthew Richards (Legal Advisor)

Helen Roberts (Legal Advisor)

Ben Stokes (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.

2 Holiday Caravan Sites (Wales) Bill – Evidence Session 6: Darren Millar AM

2.1 The Committee received evidence from Darren Millar AM, and his officials.

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business: item 4

3.1 The Committee agreed the Motion.

4 Holiday Caravan Sites (Wales) Bill: Stage 1 – discussion of evidence session 6

4.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received from Darren Millar AM.

5 General Scrutiny Session: Minister for Local Government and Government Business

5.1 The Committee received evidence from Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Local Government and Government Business, and her officials.

5.2 During the session, the Minister agreed to provide the following:

A note on the work currently being carried out by the Welsh Government on incidences whereby one council inherits a deficit from another in a merger.

A list of the community and town councils which have received funding to establish an online presence, and which of these now have an online presence.

The number of community and county council seats that have been long-term vacant.

A breakdown of the gender, age and ethnicity statistics for county councillors, and a comparative breakdown for community councillors.

6 Papers to note

6.1 The Committee noted the papers.

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

7.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

8 General scrutiny session: Minister for Local Government and Government Business – discussion of evidence

8.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received from the Minister for Local Government and Government Business.