

Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

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

Meeting date: **Thursday, 11 December 2014**

Meeting time: **09.15 – 11.20**

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Assembly Members:

Christine Chapman AM (Chair)

Peter Black AM

Alun Davies AM

Jocelyn Davies AM

William Graham AM (In place of Janet Finch–Saunders AM)

Mark Isherwood AM

Gwyn R Price AM

Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM

Witnesses:

Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

Susan Hudson, Policy and Communication Manager

Committee Staff:

Sarah Beasley (Clerk)

Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk)

Rhys Iorwerth (Researcher)

Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk)

Matthew Richards (Legal Adviser)

Helen Roberts (Legal Adviser)

Transcript

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

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

1.2 Apologies for absence were received from Mike Hedges and Gwenda Thomas.

There were no substitutes.

1.3 Apologies for absence were received from Janet Finch –Saunders. William Graham substituted in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.

2 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Annual Report 2013/2014

2.1 The Committee received evidence from Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

2.2 The Public Services Ombudsman for Wales agreed to write to the Committee with details about the levels of indemnity provided by local authorities to members in relation to code of conduct cases.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The Committee noted the papers.

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

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

5 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Annual Report 2013/2014 – discussion of evidence

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence.

6 Factual Briefing: Devolution, Democracy and Delivery White Paper – Public Services Staff Commission

6.1 The Committee received a factual briefing from Welsh Government officials on the Devolution, Democracy and Delivery White Paper – Public Services Staff Commission.

7 Consideration of forward work programme

7.1 The Committee discussed the forward work programme.

8 Inquiry into Poverty in Wales: Summary of evidence received on Strand 1 of the inquiry

8.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received on the inquiry.

9 Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill – consideration of Stage 2 proceedings in Committee

9.1 The Committee discussed the consideration of Stage 2 proceedings in Committee and agreed to vary the order of consideration as follows:

- Sections 2–23
- Section 1
- Long title

10 Consideration of the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 3): Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill

10.1 The Committee discussed the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill.