

# Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 4 June 2015**

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Meeting time: **09.00 – 13.25**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**Christine Chapman AM (Chair)**  
**Peter Black AM**  
**Alun Davies AM**  
**Jocelyn Davies AM**  
**Bethan Jenkins AM**  
**Janet Finch–Saunders AM**  
**Mark Isherwood AM**  
**Gwyn R Price AM**  
**John Griffiths AM**

### Witnesses:

**Ken Skates AM, The Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism**  
**Eifiona Williams, Welsh Government**  
**David Cox, Association of Residential Letting Agents**  
**Douglas Haig, Residential Landlord Association**  
**Gwilym Hughes**  
**Elle McNeil, Citizens Advice Cymru**  
**Jennie Bibbings, Shelter Cymru**  
**Steve Clarke, Welsh Tenants Federation**

### Committee Staff:

**Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk)**  
**Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk)**

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Matthew Richards (Legal Adviser)  
Jonathan Baxter (Researcher)  
Robin Wilkinson (Researcher)

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## TRANSCRIPT

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### **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received from Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM, Mike Hedges AM and Gwenda Thomas AM. John Griffiths AM substituted for Gwenda Thomas AM, in accordance with Standing Order 17.48. Apologies were also received from Jocelyn Davies AM for items 1 and 2. Bethan Jenkins AM substituted for Jocelyn Davies for items 1 and 2.

### **2 Historic Environment (Wales) Bill: evidence session 1 – Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism**

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Ken Skates AM, Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism
- Gwilym Hughes, Chief Inspector, Cadw
- Eifiona Williams, Lawyer, Welsh Government

2.2 The Deputy Minister agreed to provide a note on:

- the current status of Historic Environment Records (HERs);
- the responsibilities of the Historic Environment Group and the proposed Advisory Panel for the Welsh Historic Environment, to illustrate how they will work alongside each other.

### **3 Consideration of draft Code of Practice for Private Rented Sector Landlords and Agents – evidence session 1**

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- David Cox, Association of Residential Letting Agents
- Douglas Haig, Residential Landlords Association

The Residential Landlords Association agreed to provide:

- a copy of its correspondence with the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty and her officials during the period of development for the Code of Practice;
- the suggestions that it had drawn up during the development of the draft Code of Practice.

## **4 Consideration of draft Code of Practice for Private Rented Sector Landlords and Agents – evidence session 2**

4.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Elle McNeil, Citizens Advice Cymru
- Jennie Bibbings, Shelter Cymru
- Steve Clarke, Welsh Tenants

## **5 Papers to note**

5.1 The Committee noted the papers.

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

6.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

## **7 Historic Environment (Wales) Bill: discussion of evidence session 1**

7.1 The Committee discussed the evidence.

## **8 Consideration of draft Code of Practice for Private Rented Sector Landlords and Agents: discussion of evidence received in sessions 1 and 2**

8.1 The Committee discussed the evidence

## **9 Inquiry into Poverty in Wales Strand 1: poverty and inequality – consideration of draft report**

9.1 The Committee agreed the draft report.

## **10 Consideration of forward work programme**

10.1 The Committee discussed and agreed the forward work programme.

## **11 Local Government (Wales) Bill: order of consideration for Stage 2 proceedings in Committee**

11.1 The Committee discussed and agreed to vary the order of consideration for stage 2 proceedings on the Local Government (Wales) Bill as follows:

- Sections 2–42
- Section 1
- Long title