

# Concise Minutes – Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 16 September 2015

Meeting time: 09. – 12.00

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## Attendance

| Category          | Names   |
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| Assembly Members: | Christine Chapman AM (Chair)<br>Peter Black AM<br>Alun Davies AM<br>Janet Finch-Saunders AM<br>Mike Hedges AM<br>Mark Isherwood AM<br>Gwyn R Price AM<br>John Griffiths AM<br>Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM |
| Witnesses:        | Ken Skates AM, The Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism<br>Natasha Hale, Welsh Government<br>Jon Westlake, Head of Sport, Outdoor Recreation and Landscapes                               |



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|                  | Kate Clark, Welsh Government  |
| Committee Staff: | Sarah Beasley (Clerk)<br>Sarah Sargent (Deputy Clerk)<br>Matthew Richards (Legal Adviser)<br>Robin Wilkinson (Researcher) |

## Transcript

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### 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 Gwenda Thomas AM and Jocelyn Davies. John Griffiths AM substituted for Gwenda Thomas AM, in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.

### 2 Legacy inquiry: Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism

2.1 Mike Hedges declared the following relevant interest under Standing Order 17.24A:

- He is President of Morryston Ladies Choir, patron of Morryston RFC Choir, supporter of Morryston Orpheus Choir, President of Ynystawe AFC, Vice President of Morryston Town AFC, member of Morryston RFC, and supporter of Glais, Birchgrove and Bonymaen RFC.

2.2 Peter Black declared the following relevant interest under Standing Order 17.24A:

- He is a Member of the City and County of Swansea.

2.3 The Committee received evidence from:

- Ken Skates AM, Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism
- Kate Clark, Director, CADW
- Natasha Hale, Deputy Director of Sector and Business, Welsh Government
- Jon Westlake – Head of the Sport Division

2.4 During the meeting, the Deputy Minister agreed to provide the Committee with a copy of the recently agreed Memorandum of Understanding between the Welsh and UK Governments relating the BBC Charter review. The Deputy Minister also agreed to provide further information on the following:

- Welsh Government work on best practice across Europe regarding alternative methods of levering in funding for the arts; related to this, the Deputy Minister said he would ask the Arts Council for Wales to provide a briefing paper for Members responding in part to this work;
- details of the anticipated report by the Arts Council for Wales resulting from its current assessment of the impact of funding for, and performance of, Arts and Business Cymru;
- details of vacant/unoccupied listed chapels and churches, by grading, and cemeteries/burial sites;
- further information about the Barcelona example cited in relation to arrangements for dealing with vacant listed buildings, including the availability of powers for the issuing of fines;
- the roles and responsibilities of the Historic Environment Group, the Advisory Board for the Welsh Historic Environment, and the Wales Heritage Group.

### **3 Papers to note**

3.1 The Committee noted the papers.

### **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

### **5 Legacy inquiry: Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism – consideration of evidence**

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence.

### **6 Consideration of the Forward Work Programme**

6.1 The Committee discussed its forward work programme for the autumn term and agreed to undertake the following work:

- an inquiry into the BBC Charter Review;
- an examination of the UK Government's draft Wales Bill in relation to the Committee's remit, as soon as possible after the draft Bill is published;

- scrutiny of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales's responsibilities and his annual report;
- scrutiny of the Welsh Government's forthcoming refresh of the Financial Inclusion Strategy.

## **7 Historic Environment (Wales) Bill: consideration of draft report**

7.1 The Committee discussed the draft report.