

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 6 April 2017

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.10

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Siân Gwenllïan AM Bethan Jenkins AM Jenny Rathbone AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Gwyn Griffiths (Legal Adviser)

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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 Janet Finch–Saunders AM and Rhianon Passmore AM.



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2 Inquiry into Human Rights in Wales – evidence session 1

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Melanie Field, Executive Director, Wales and Corporate Strategy and Policy, Equality and Human Rights Commission
- June Milligan, Equality and Human Rights Commission Commissioner and Chair of the Wales Committee

2.2 The Equality and Human Rights Commission agreed to feed back Members' concerns in relation to how human rights are covered in the curriculum to the Wales Committee, and to provide a note on any discussions held.

3 Inquiry into Human Rights in Wales – evidence session 2

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Dr Simon Hoffman, Associate Professor, College of Law and Criminology, Swansea University
- Professor Thomas Glyn Watkin, Formerly Head of Bangor Law School and First Welsh Legislative Counsel 2007–2010

4 Paper(s) to note

4.1 Additional information from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government in relation to the Agency Worker

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4.2 Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children in relation to Communities First Funding

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4.3 Additional information from the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children in relation to refugees and asylum seekers in Wales

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

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

6 Inquiry into Human Rights in Wales – consideration of evidence received under items 2 and 3

6.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under items 2 and 3.

7 Inquiry into poverty in Wales – Consideration of the scope of the inquiry

7.1 The Committee considered and agreed the scope of the inquiry.

7.1 Inquiry into Human Rights in Wales