

# Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 14 February  
2018

Meeting time: 09.02 – 12.44

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Janet Finch–Saunders AM Siân Gwenllian AM Rhianon Passmore AM Jenny Rathbone AM
Witnesses:	Rebecca Evans AM, Minister for Housing and Regeneration Emma Williams, Welsh Government Rob Owen, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Osian Bowyer (Researcher) Megan Jones (Researcher)



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	Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser)
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## **1 Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill: consideration of draft report**

1.1 The Committee discussed the draft report.

## **2 Inquiry into poverty in Wales: making the economy work for people on low incomes – consideration of key issues**

2.1 The Committee did not reach this item and will consider it at a later meeting.

## **3 Inquiry into Human Rights in Wales – update**

3.1 The Committee did not reach this item and will consider it at a later date.

## **4 Inquiry into pregnancy, maternity and work in Wales – consideration of engagement options**

4.1 The Committee considered and agreed its engagement options for the inquiry into pregnancy, maternity and work in Wales.

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

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

5.2. Apologies for absence were received from Mick Antoniw AM and Bethan Jenkins AM.

## **6 Inquiry into rough sleeping in Wales – evidence session 6**

6.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Rebecca Evans AM, Minister for Housing and Regeneration
- Emma Williams, Deputy Director, Housing Policy, Welsh Government
- Rob Owen, Homelessness Prevention Policy Manager, Welsh Government

## **7 Paper(s) to note**

### **7.1 Letter from the Leader of the House and Chief Whip to the Llywydd in relation to scrutiny of preparations for the 2021 Census of Population**

7.1.a The Committee noted the letter from the Leader of the House and Chief Whip to the Llywydd in relation to scrutiny of preparations for the 2021 Census of Population.

### **7.2 Letter from the Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee in relation to human rights in Wales**

7.2.a the Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee in relation to human rights in Wales.

### **7.3 Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee to the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee in relation to the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill**

7.3.a The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee to the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee in relation to the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill.

### **7.4 Letter from South Wales Police to Mick Antoniw AM in relation to rough sleeping in Wales**

7.4.a The Committee noted the letter from South Wales Police to Mick Antoniw AM in relation to rough sleeping in Wales.

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

8.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

## **9 Inquiry into rough sleeping in Wales – consideration of evidence received under item 7**

9.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under item 7.