

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – The Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 11 July 2018

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.20

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Gareth Bennett AM David Melding AM Siân Gwenllian AM Bethan Sayed AM Jenny Rathbone AM
Witnesses:	Jennie Bibbings, Shelter Cymru Alun Evans, Citizens Advice Jamie Matthews, Citizens Advice Matt Dicks, Media Relations Team Matthew Kennedy, Institute of Housing Bethan Jones, Rent Smart Cymru
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Jonathan Baxter (Researcher) Osian Bowyer (Researcher) Megan Jones (Researcher)



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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, with David Melding AM as substitute. Apologies were also received from Jack Sargeant AM and Rhianon Passmore AM.

2 Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill – evidence session 5

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Jennie Bibbings, Campaigns Manager, Shelter Cymru
- Alun Evans, Senior Campaigns and Advocacy Officer, Citizens Advice
- Jamie Matthews, Senior Policy Officer, Citizens Advice

3 Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill – evidence session 6

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Matt Dicks, Director, Chartered Institute of Housing Cymru
- Matthew Kennedy, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Chartered Institute of Housing Cymru

4 Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill – evidence session 7

4.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Bethan Jones, Operational Manager, Rent Smart Wales

5 Papers to note

5.1 Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee in relation to the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20

5.1.a The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee in relation to the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20.

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

6.1 The Motion was agreed.

7 Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill – consideration of the evidence received under items 2, 3 and 4

7.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under items 2, 3 and 4.

8 Consideration of forward work programme

8.1 The Committee discussed and agreed its approach on the scrutiny on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20.

8.2 Committee has agreed to do a piece of work on fire safety in private sector high rise buildings.

9 Inquiry into public services boards – consideration of evidence received and next steps

9.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received and the next steps to take.