

Concise Minutes – Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 10 December 2015

Meeting time: Times Not Specified

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Christine Chapman AM (Chair) Peter Black AM Alun Davies AM Janet Finch-Saunders AM Mike Hedges AM Mark Isherwood AM Bethan Jenkins AM Gwyn R Price AM John Griffiths AM (In place of Gwenda Thomas AM) Lindsay Whittle AM
Witnesses:	Meri Huws, Welsh Language Commissioner, Welsh Language Commissioner Dyfan Sion, Director of Policy and Research, Welsh Language Commissioner



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	Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Susan Hudson, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Office
Committee Staff:	Sarah Beasley (Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Rhys Iorwerth (Researcher)

Transcript

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions and declarations

- 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 Alun Davies AM. John Griffiths substituted for Gwenda Thomas AM, in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.
- 1.3 The following Members declared an interest:
 - Peter Black
 - Lindsay Whittle

2 Welsh Language Commissioner: Consideration of Annual Report 2014/15

- 2.1 The Committee received evidence from:
 - Meri Huws, Welsh Language Commissioner
 - Dyfan Sion, Director of Policy and Research

3 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Consideration of Annual Report 2014/2015

- 3.1 The Committee received evidence from:
 - Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
 - Chris Vinestock, Chief Operating Officer
 - Susan Hudson, Policy & Communications Manager

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 Welsh Language Commissioner: Consideration of Annual Report 2014/15 – discussion of evidence

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence.

6 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Consideration of Annual Report 2014/2015 – discussion of evidence

6.1 The Committee discussed the evidence.

7 Pre-legislative scrutiny of the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill – consideration of scoping paper

7.1 The Committee considered its approach to scrutiny of the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill