

Concise Minutes – Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 11 May 2017

Meeting time: 09.05 – 12.50

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair) David Melding AM (In place of Janet Finch-Saunders AM) Rhianon Passmore AM Jenny Rathbone AM
Witnesses:	Matthew Kennedy, Institute of Housing Matthew Dicks, Chartered Institute of Housing Cymru Jim McKirdle, Welsh Local Government Association Shaun Couzens, Caerphilly County Borough Council Simon Inkson, Powys County Council Robin Staines, Carmarthenshire County Council Steve Clarke, Welsh Tenants Federation David Lloyd, TPAS Cymru
Committee Staff:	Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk) Jonathan Baxter (Researcher) Stephen Davies (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 Bethan Jenkins AM, Joyce Watson AM, Sian Gwenllian AM, Gareth Bennett AM, and Janet Finch–Saunders AM. David Melding AM substituted for Janet Finch–Saunders AM in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.

2 Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill – evidence session 4

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Matthew Dicks, Director, Chartered Institute of Housing Cymru
- Matthew Kennedy, Policy & Public Affairs Manager (Wales), Chartered Institute of Housing Cymru

3 Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill – evidence session 5

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Jim McKirdle, Housing Policy Officer, Welsh Local Government Association
- Shaun Couzens, Chief Housing Officer, Caerphilly County Borough Council
- Simon Inkson, Head of Housing, Powys County Council
- Robin Staines, Head of Housing, Public Protection and Care & Support, Carmarthenshire County Council

3.2. Robin Staines, Carmarthenshire County Council, agreed to provide further details on the steps taken by the Council to consult with tenants and prospective tenants

ahead of the suspension of Right to Buy, including the number of prospective tenants consulted and the number of responses received, and the issues raised by respondents.

4 Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill – evidence session 6

4.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Steve Clarke, Policy Advisor to Welsh Tenants
- David Lloyd, Deputy Director, TPAS

5 Paper(s) to note

5.1 Letter from the Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee in relation to the Great Repeal Bill White Paper

5.1.a The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee in relation to the Great Repeal Bill White Paper.

5.2 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children in relation to the Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill

5.2.a The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children in relation to the Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill.

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and from the meeting on 17 May 2017

6.1. The Committee agreed the motion.

7 Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill – consideration of evidence received under items 2, 3 and 4

7.1. The Committee discussed the evidence received under items 2, 3 and 4 and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children on matters raised.