## Concise Minutes - Equality, Local Government and **Communities Committee**

Meeting Venue:

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Committee Room 5 – Tŷ Hywel

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Meeting date: Thursday, 29 June 2017

Meeting time: 09.00 - 12.30

## **Attendance**

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	John Griffiths AM (Chair)
	Siân Gwenllian AM
	Bethan Jenkins AM
	Jenny Rathbone AM
	Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Victoria Goodban, Oxfam Refugee Project
	Anna McVicker, South Riverside Community Development
	Centre
	Jane Lewis, Regional Skills Partnership
	Andy Milne, Scotland's Regeneration Network
	Dr Gill Richardson, Public Health Wales
	Su Mably, Public Health Wales NHS Trust
	Jeannie Wyatt-Williams, Welsh Local Government
	Association
	Elaine Scale, Welsh Local Government Association
	Jules Horton, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

	Trevor Hopkins, Asset Based Consulting
	Professor Akwugo Emejulu, Warwick University
	Naomi Stocks (Clerk)
Committee Staff:	Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk)
	Megan Jones

## **Transcript**

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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, Rhianon Passmore AM and Gareth Bennett AM.
- 2 Inquiry into poverty in Wales: asset-based approaches to poverty reduction: evidence session 1
- 2.1 The Committee received evidence from:
  - Victoria Goodban, UK Programme Manager (Wales), Oxfam Cymru
  - Anna McVicker, Livelihoods Worker, South Riverside Community Development Centre
  - Jane Lewis, Cluster Manager, Communities First Newport West Cluster,
    Regeneration, Investment & Housing, Newport City Council
- 3 Inquiry into poverty in Wales: asset-based approaches to poverty reduction: evidence session 2
- 3.1 The Committee received evidence from:
  - Andy Milne, Chief Executive, SURF Scotland's Regeneration Network

- 4 Inquiry into poverty in Wales: asset-based approaches to poverty reduction: evidence session 3
- 4.1 The Committee received evidence from:
  - Dr Gill Richardson, Deputy Director of Policy Research and International Development,
    Public Health Wales
  - Su Mably, Consultant in Public Health, Public Health Wales
  - Jeannie Wyatt-Williams, National Exercise Referral Scheme Manager for Wales, Welsh Local Government Association
  - Elaine Scale, Pembrokeshire National Exercise Referral Scheme Coordinator, Welsh Local Government Association
  - Jules Horton, Education Programmes for Patients Cymru Coordinator, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
- 5 Inquiry into poverty in Wales: asset-based approaches to poverty reduction: evidence session 4
- 5.1 The Committee received evidence from:
  - Trevor Hopkins, Freelance Consultant, Asset Based Consulting
- 5.2 Trevor Hopkins agreed to provide a copy of the publication on 'Building Stronger Communities in East Sussex'.
- 6 Inquiry into poverty in Wales: asset-based approaches to poverty reduction: evidence session 5
- 6.1 The Committee received evidence from:
  - Professor Akwugo Emejulu, Professor of Sociology, Warwick University

- 7 Paper(s) to note
- 7.1 Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children in relation to the Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill
- 7.1.a The Committee noted the letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children in relation to the Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill.
- 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 poverty in Wales: asset-based approaches to poverty reduction: consideration of the evidence received under items 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
- 9.1 The Committee discussed the evidence.