

# Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 3 July 2014**

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Meeting time: **09. – 11.00**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

Christine Chapman AM (Chair)  
Leighton Andrews AM  
Peter Black AM  
Janet Finch–Saunders AM  
Mike Hedges AM  
Mark Isherwood AM  
Gwyn R Price AM  
Jenny Rathbone AM  
Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM

### Witnesses:

John Griffiths AM, Minister for Natural Resources, Culture and Sport  
Huw Brodie, Director of Strategic Planning & Equality  
Jon Westlake, Welsh Government

### Committee Staff:

Sarah Beasley (Clerk)  
Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk)  
Robin Wilkinson (Researcher)

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## 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair Welcomed Members and members of the public.

## **2 General Scrutiny Session: Minister for Culture and Sport**

2.1 The Committee received evidence from John Griffiths AM, Minister for Culture and Sport, and his officials.

2.2 During the session, the Minister and his officials agreed to the following:

- to provide figures of increases in visitor number to Cadw monuments for the first quarter of this year;
- to provide details of the work carried out by Cadw so far in relation to reducing their carbon footprint and utility bills;
- to provide a copy of the Arts Council's response to the Minister's 2014 – 15 remit letter;
- to raise with the Minister for Education and Skills the issue of local authorities needing to ensure contact between schools and libraries in their areas, and to report back to the Committee;
- to provide the figures for Welsh Government investment in museums outside Cardiff;
- to share details of the research undertaken in relation to the health risks of sedentary adults in different socio-economic groups;
- to arrange for the Committee to receive a note on the issue of ensuring that the 'Llyfrau Llafar Cymru/Talking Books Wales' initiative is viable in the future;
- to provide a note on the impact of the discontinuation of the Community Radio Fund;
- to provide a note on the impact of the reduction in funding provided to the Welsh Books Council.

## **3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and from the meeting on 9 July 2014**

3.1 The Committee agreed the Motion.

## **4 General Scrutiny Session: Minister for Culture and Sport – discussion of evidence**

4.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received from John Griffiths AM, Minister for Culture and Sport, and his officials.

## **5 Consideration of scope and approach to Stage 1 scrutiny of the Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill**

5.1 The Committee considered the scope and approach to stage 1 scrutiny of the Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill

## **6 Consideration of the forward work programme and approach to Draft Budget Scrutiny**

6.1 The Committee considered the forward work programme and approach to Draft Budget Scrutiny.