



**Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru
The National Assembly for Wales**

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cynhwysir cyfieithiad Saesneg o gyfraniadau yn y Gymraeg.

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In addition, an English translation of Welsh speeches is included.

Aelodau'r pwyllgor yn bresennol
Committee members in attendance

Jeff Cuthbert	Llafur (Cadeirydd y pwyllgor dros dro) Labour (temporary Chair of the Committee)
Ann Jones	Llafur (yn dirprwyo ar ran val Lloyd) Labour (substitute for Val Lloyd)
Jenny Randerson	Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru Welsh Liberal Democrats

Swyddogion Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru yn bresennol
National Assembly for Wales officials in attendance

Sarah Beasley	Clerc Clerc
Joanest Jackson	Cynghorydd Cyfreithiol Legal Adviser
Sarah Sargent	Dirprwy Glerc Deputy Clerk
Alys Thomas	Gwasanaeth Ymchwil yr Aelodau Members' Research Service

Dechreuodd y cyfarfod am 10.00 a.m.
The meeting began at 10.00 a.m.

Cyflwyniad, Ymddiheuriadau, a Dirprwyon
Introduction, Apologies, and Substitutions

[1] **Jeff Cuthbert:** I welcome everyone to the meeting. We have received apologies for absence from Val Lloyd, Paul Davies, Sandy Mewies and Gareth Jones. Ann Jones is substituting for Val Lloyd. In the event of a fire alarm sounding, Members should leave the room by the marked emergency exits and follow the instructions given by the ushers and staff. No test has been forecast for the duration of our meeting, so if the alarm should sound, it will be real. All mobile phones, pagers and BlackBerrys should be switched off, as they interfere with the broadcasting equipment. The National Assembly for Wales operates through the media of the Welsh and English languages. Headphones are provided through which instantaneous translation may be received. For anyone who is hard of hearing, the headphones may also be used to amplify the sound. Interpretation is available on channel 1 and amplification of the sound is available on channel 0.

10.02 a.m.

Gorchymyn Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru (Cymhwysedd Deddfwriaethol)
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[2] **Jeff Cuthbert:** I confirm, for the record, that the next piece of work to be undertaken by this committee is the scrutiny of the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Local Government) Order 2009. In relation to our previous work on the proposed Children and Families (Wales) Measure, I clarify that, having completed its report on Stage 1, the committee will return to Stage 2 proceedings—the detailed consideration of the proposed Measure—in the autumn term. Further details will be available on the

committee's web page and via the business notice.

[3] The purpose of this meeting is to formally agree the committee's approach to the scrutiny of the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Local Government) Order 2009. The proposed Order was laid by Dr Brian Gibbons, the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government, on 13 July 2009. The role of this committee is to consider and report on the proposed Order. We must do so by 4 December 2009, in line with the deadline set by the Business Committee.

[4] We have had some informal discussions on our approach to scrutiny and, on that basis, I propose that the framework for the committee's work should be to consider whether the general principles of the proposed Order—that is, legislative competence, as specified in matters 12.8 to 12.17—should be conferred on the Assembly; whether the proposed Order provides an appropriate framework for the delivery of the policy proposals relating to community councils and councillor recruitment, retention and allowances; and, in particular, whether the terms of the proposed Order are too broadly or too narrowly defined. Are Members content with this approach? I see that you are.

[5] Are Members also content to issue a general call for evidence via the Welsh media and the Assembly's website, to invite written submissions from organisations and individuals, and to invite key stakeholders to give oral evidence during the autumn term? I see that you are.

[6] Members have been advised that the next meeting of the committee will take place on Thursday, 24 September 2009, during which it is hoped that we will take evidence from the Member in charge, Dr Brian Gibbons, the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government.

[7] Are there any further points? I see that there are none. I therefore declare the meeting closed.

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 10.04 a.m.
The meeting ended at 10.04 a.m.