

24th September 2021

MINUTES OF WLGA MEETINGS

Purpose

1. For Executive Board members to approve and review the draft minutes of the WLGA meetings specified.

Background

2. The draft minutes of the meetings listed below, are appended in date order:
 - 2.1 WLGA Executive Board 16th July 2021
 - 2.2 WLGA Management Sub-Committee 20th August 2021

Recommendations

3. Members are asked to:

- 3.1 Approve the draft minutes of the WLGA Executive Board held 16th July 2021;**
- 3.2 Note the draft minutes of the WLGA Management Sub-Committee 20th August 2021.**

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2.1 Cofnodion Drafft Bwrdd Gweithredol CLILC

Bwrdd Gweithredol CLILC
Dydd Gwener 16 Gorffennaf 2021
Rhwng 10:00 a 12:30 trwy gyfrwng Zoom



Yn bresennol:

Cadeirydd: Swyddog Llywyddu CLILC, Y Cyngorydd Huw David (Pen-y-Bont ar Ogwr)

Blaenau Gwent - Cyng. Nigel Daniels
Caerffili - Cyng. Phillipa Marsden
Sir Gaerfyrddin – Cyng. Emlyn Dole
Ceredigion – Cyng. Ellen ap Gwynn
Conwy - Cyng. Charlie McCoubrey
Sir Ddinbych – Cyng. Hugh Evans
Sir y Fflint - Cyng. Ian Roberts
Ynys Môn – Cyng. Llinos Medi
Merthyr Tydfil - Cyng. Lisa Mytton
Sir Fynwy – Cyng. Richard John
Castell-Nedd Port Talbot – Dirprwy
Gynghorydd Carol Clement Williams
Casnewydd – Cyng. Jane Mudd
Sir Benfro - Cyng. David Simpson
Rhondda Cynon Taf – Cyng. Andrew Morgan
Abertawe – Cyng. Rob Stewart
Torfaen – Dirprwy Cyng. Richard Clark
Bro Morgannwg - Cyng. Neil Moore
Wrecsam – Cyng. Mark Pritchard

Ymddiheuriadau

Caerdydd – Cyng. Huw Thomas
Castell-Nedd Port Talbot- Cyng. Edward Latham
Gwynedd – Cyng. Dyfrig Siencyn
Powys - Cyng. Rosemarie Harris
Torfaen – Cyng. Anthony Hunt

Swyddogion CLILC hefyd yn bresennol:

Dr Chris Llewelyn, Prif Weithredwr
Naomi Alleyne, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Thai
Jon Rae, Cyfarwyddwr Adnoddau
Tim Peppin, Cyfarwyddwr Adfywio a Datblygu Cynaliadwy
Daniel Hurford, Pennaeth Polisi, Gwella a Llywodraethu
Sharon Davies, Pennaeth Addysg
Jonathan Lloyd, Pennaeth Cyflogaeth
Lee Pitt, Swyddog Gwasanaethau Democrataidd
Emily Griffiths, Uwch-Swyddog Cymorth

**10:00 Rebecca Evans, Gweinidog Cyllid a Llywodraeth Leol ac
Eluned Morgan, Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol**

Eitem 1. Croeso ac ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

1. Croesawodd y Dirprwy Lywydd yr Arweinwyr i'r cyfarfod a chofnodwyd yr ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb a gafwyd fel uchod.

Eitem 2. Cofnodion Cyfarfodydd CLILC

2. Fe adolygodd yr aelodau gofnodion drafft:

2.1 Bwrdd Gweithredol CLILC 28 Mai 2021

2.2 Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynnyddol Cyngor CLILC 25 Mehefin 2021

3. **Penderfynwyd:**

**3.1 Bod aelodau yn cymeradwyo'r cofnodion drafft Bwrdd
Gweithredol CLILC 28 Mai 2021**

**3.2 Bod yr aelodau'n nodi cofnodion drafft cyfarfod Cyngor
CLILC a gynhaliwyd ar 25 Mehefin 2021.**

Eitem 3. Diweddariadau'r Arweinwyr a'r Llefarydd CLILC

4. **Y Diweddaraf am Cydraddoldeb** – Dywedodd y Cyng. Jane Mudd, Llefarydd Cydraddoldeb, Gwrthdodi ac Ymfudo bod cydraddoldeb a mynd i'r afael â chydaddoldeb bellach yn flaenoriaeth allweddol ar gyfer Lywodraeth Cymru a'i fod yn amlwg iawn yn Y Rhaglen Lywodraethu. Dywedodd y Cyng. Mudd bod yna gyfarfod o Aelodau Cabinet Cydraddoldeb CLILC ar 8 Gorffennaf. Roedd y ffocws ar ymateb i Gynllun Gweithredu Cydraddoldeb Hil. Roedd nifer o'r Arweinwyr wedi mynychu'r cyfarfod a dywedodd y Cyng. Mudd bod hyn yn rhywbeth cadarnhaol. Fe nodwyd na fydd yr adolygiad annibynnol a gyhoeddwyd yn ddiweddar o brofiadau pobl anabl o wasanaethau cyhoeddus yn ystod y pandemig, yn ddogfen hawdd i'w darllen i lywodraeth leol. Bydd tasglu yn cael ei sefydlu ac yn cael ei gadeirio gan Weinidog Cyfiawnder Cymdeithasol Jane Hutt er mwyn mynd i'r afael â chanfyddiadau'r adroddiad, a bydd CLILC yn cael gwahoddiad i ymuno. Gwnaed cynnydd hefyd gydag addewidion Amrywiaeth mewn Democratiaeth. Fe fydd Cyng. Mudd a'r Dirprwy Llefarydd yn cyfarfod y Gweinidog yn fuan a byddant yn cyflwyno'r achos dros fwy o adnoddau i gynorthwyo CLILC gyda'n gwaith cydraddoldeb.

5. **CAM GWEITHREDU:** Dosbarthu Adroddiad Drws ar Glo i'r Aelodau.
6. **Y Diweddaraf am Gyllid** – Dywedodd y Cyng. Anthony Hunt Llefarydd Cyllid, bod cyfarfod o'r Is-Grŵp Cyllid wedi cael ei gynnal ar 15 Gorffennaf pan gyflwynwyd papur am bwysau cyllid awdurdodau lleol. Pwysleisiwyd yr angen i barhau â Chronfa Galedi Covid-19 hefyd. Roedd y Gweinidog Cyllid yn cydymdeimlo â sefyllfa awdurdodau ac fe soniodd am yr ansicrwydd mewn cysylltiad â chyllideb Llywodraeth Cymru y flwyddyn nesaf ac fe ymrwymodd i ymgysylltu'n gynnar ac roedd yn awyddus i weithio'n agos gyda llywodraeth leol.
7. **Y Diweddaraf am Weithlu** – Dywedodd y Cyng. Philippa Marsden, Llefarydd Gweithlu ei bod wedi cael cyfarfod cychwynnol gyda'r Dirprwy Weinidog newydd ar gyfer Partneriaeth Gymdeithasol, Hannah Blythyn, a thrafododd materion oedd yn ymwneud â'r Bil arfaethedig a sut y gallai llywodraeth leol ddangos arweiniad mewn cysylltiad â gwaith teg trwy gefnogi'r cyflog byw gwirioneddol a cheisio cael achrediad fel cyflogwyr cyflog byw. Roedd trafodaethau ynglŷn ag ysgolion a llacio rheolau a rheoliadau covid yn parhau. Roedd Cyd-bwyllgor Cyngor Gweithredol wedi bod yn canolbwyntio ar faterion gweithredol megis gweithio o gartref, sbwriel ac ailgylchu a Covid Hir. Fe nodwyd nad oedd y sefyllfa o ran cyflog cenedlaethol wedi cael ei ddatrys a bod cynnig cyflogwyr o 1.5% wedi cael ei wrthod, ac roedd cyfarfod pellach wedi cael ei drefnu ar gyfer 27 Gorffennaf.
8. **CAM GWEITHREDU:** Y Cyng. Huw David, Llefarydd Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol i ddosbarthu diweddariad ysgrifenedig am y cyfarfod gyda'r Dirprwy Weinidog a rhwydwaith aelodau cabinet.

Eitem 4. Fformiwla Ariannu Llywodraeth Leol

9. Cyflwynodd y Cyng. Anthony Hunt, Llefarydd Cyllid, yr adroddiad sydd yn awgrymu'r dewisiadau i adolygu'r fformiwla ariannu ar ôl y cyflwyniad a gafwyd yng nghyfarfod y Bwrdd Gweithredol ym mis Mai. Fe dynnodd y Cyng. Hunt sylw at baragraff naw a'r tri dull posibl sydd wedi'u manylu o ran y camau nesaf. Dywedodd mai dewis y Grŵp Llafur oedd edrych ar adolygiad a arweinir ar y cyd rhwng CLILC a Llywodraeth Cymru.
10. Fe soniodd y Cyfarwyddwr Adnoddau, Jon Rae am y drafodaeth a chyflwyniad cadarnhaol yng nghyfarfod mis Mai a thynnodd sylw at baragraff tri sydd yn nodi'r prif bwyntiau o bryder a fynegwyd. Fe dynnodd Jon sylw at y risg ac aflonyddwch ariannol a'r angen i ystyried mecanwaith sefydlogrwydd cyn rhoi'r gorau i'r fformiwla. Fe nodwyd ei bod wedi cymryd pedair blynedd i weithredu'r adolygiad diwethaf felly ni fyddai unrhyw newid yn digwydd yn syth. Fe soniodd hefyd am awydd y Gweinidog Cyllid i ddiwygio trethiant lleol a fydd yn ychwanegu aflonyddwch i'r system.

11. Dywedodd y Cyng. Dole yng Ngrŵp Plaid Cymru'n gynharach bod y rhybuddion a nodwyd yn yr adroddiad o ran risgiau'n cael eu derbyn, ond roeddynt yn teimlo bod yna ffordd ymlaen. Yn ffurfiol felly cynigiodd y Cyng. Dole gydadolygiad wedi'i ariannu gan Lywodraeth Cymru ac wedi'i gomisiynu gan CLILC er mwyn sicrhau bod y casgliadau'n cael eu hadrodd yn ôl i lywodraeth leol er mwyn iddynt ystyried y risgiau a phenderfynu ar y ffordd ymlaen. Roedd y Cyng. Evans yn cefnogi'r cynnig ac fe'i eiliwyd. Fe ailadroddodd Cyng. Evans bryder Jon a'r ansicrwydd a goblygiadau o adolygu fformiwlâu presennol, ond fe ychwanegodd nad oedd y sefyllfa bresennol yn cynhyrchu canlyniadau a oedd yn deg nac yn glir. Dywedodd y Cyng. Evans bod angen i'r argymhelliad fod yn glir a dywedodd y dylai unrhyw benderfyniad wrth symud ymlaen fod yn nwylo llywodraeth leol er mwyn cael sgwrs fewnol ynglŷn â lle i fynd nesaf. Fe ychwanegodd y dylai Llywodraeth Cymru weithio gyda CLILC ac ariannu'r adolygiad gan ei fod er lles pawb i ddarparu eglurder.
12. Yn absenoldeb yr Arweinydd, fe soniodd y Prif Weithredwr am gyfarfod cynharach yr Arweinwyr Grŵp a chefnogodd y Cyng. Morgan y syniad a gynigiwyd gan Cyng. Dole ac a eiliwyd gan Cyng. Evans. Fe soniodd hefyd am siarad gyda Cyng. Siencyn. Ei farn o oedd y dylai unrhyw adolygiad fod yn nwylo CLILC a llywodraeth leol, ond roedd yn cydnabod y byddai yna rai ar eu hennill a'u colled. Dywedodd Chris mai dyma pam yn hanesyddol mae CLILC wedi canolbwyntio ar swm y cyllid yn hytrach na'r ffordd y mae'n cael ei ddosbarthu.
13. **Penderfynwyd:**

13.1 Bod Aelodau yn nodi cynnwys y papur; a

13.2 Bod Aelodau yn edrych ar y camau nesaf fel y nodir ym mharagraff 9 yr adroddiad a chytunwyd i gysylltu â Llywodraeth Cymru i ariannu adolygiad o'r fformiwla. Bod CLILC yn comisiynu'r adolygiad.

13.3 Bod y Prif Weithredwr yn cytuno i ddilyn y mater ariannu gyda chydweithwyr Llywodraeth Cymru ac i gyflwyno papur diwygiedig i'r Bwrdd Gweithredol a symud ymlaen yn ofalus er mwyn adlewyrchu'r pryderon a fynegwyd.

Eitem 5. Rhaglen Lywodraethu Llywodraeth Cymru

14. Cyflwynodd y Prif Weithredwr yr adroddiad gan nodi dealltwriaeth bresennol CLILC o Raglen Lywodraethu a Rhaglen Ddeddfwriaethol Llywodraeth Cymru ac i ysgogi trafodaeth a mynegi unrhyw bryderon sydd gan Arweinwyr.
15. Mae'r deddfwriaeth arfaethedig wedi'i nodi ym mharagraff 3 yr adroddiad, a soniodd Chris am y tebygolrwydd o is-ddeddfwriaeth a fyddai o ddiddordeb i

lywodraeth leol, yn cynnwys mewn cysylltiad â rheoliadau Cyd-bwyllgorau Corfforedig.

16. Roedd yna rai elfennau o ddiddordeb ar unwaith i lywodraeth leol yn Y Rhaglen Lywodraethu sydd yn cysylltu â Maniffesto CLILC. Fe soniodd Chris y bydd CLILC yn ceisio eglurder gan Lywodraeth Cymru am ddiddordebau a rennir, cynigion, amserlenni a materion ariannol dros y misoedd sydd i ddod.
17. Dywedodd yr aelodau bod yna ddiffyg ffocws yn gyffredinol ar ardaloedd gwledig yn y Rhaglen Lywodraethu.
18. **Penderfynwyd:**

18.1 Bod Aelodau yn nodi cynnwys yr adroddiad.

18.2 Bod aelodau yn cytuno i drafod diffyg ffocws cyffredinol ar ardaloedd gwledig yn y Rhaglen Lywodraethu ac yn Fforwm Gwledig CLILC (yn nes ymlaen y mis hwn), pan mae'r Gweinidog Cyllid a Llywodraeth Leol fod i fynychu.

Eitem 6. Datgarboneiddio

19. Cyflwynodd y Cyfarwyddwr Adfywio a Datblygu Cynaliadwy yr eitem a thynnodd sylw at Atodiad 1 yr adroddiad a gafodd ei gyflwyno i'r Cyngor Partneriaeth yn ddiweddar gan roi diweddariad am y gwaith sy'n cael ei wneud gan y Panel Strategaeth Datgarboneiddio (sefydlwyd ym mis Mehefin 2020). Mae'r adroddiad yn nodi camau posib mewn pedwar maes y gallai awdurdodau lleol wneud gostyngiadau carbon mwyaf: caffael, symudedd/cludiant, adeiladu a defnydd tir.
20. Roedd yr ymrwymïadau posibl y gallai awdurdodau eu gwneud i leihau carbon wedi'u cynnwys ym mharagraffau chwech a saith o'r papur. Tynnwyd sylw at gyllid ac amserlen a'u bod yn hanfodol ar gyfer llwyddiant.
21. Ym mharagraffau naw i ddeuddeg, fe dynnwyd sylw at rôl cronfeydd pensiwn llywodraeth leol, gyda'r cynnig i ysgrifennu at Bartneriaeth Pensiwn Cymru i gael gwell dealltwriaeth o'i Bolisi Buddsoddi'n Gyfrifol (llythyr drafft wedi'i gynnwys fel atodiad).
22. Roedd aelodau yn glir pa adnoddau ddylai fod ar gael er mwyn cyrraedd y targedau ac ymrwymïadau uchelgeisiol, ac nid oes modd diystyru hyn. Mae

dweud bod ymrwymïadau 'yn amodol ar adnoddau' yn rhoi'r argraff eu bod rhywsut yn opsiynol yn gymaint â bod rhaid cymryd camau hyn.

23. Tynnwyd sylw at y graddau y mae cyflawni Cymru ddi-garbon yn dibynnu ar wasanaethau cyhoeddus ehangach megis Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru. Fe soniwyd am effaith cyrff o'r fath ar allu awdurdodau i gyrraedd targedau a theimlwyd y dylid cydnabod y ddibyniaeth yma.
24. Mynegwyd pryder am effaith manylion cynyddol i gyflawni carbon sero ar gostau prosiectau y cytunwyd arnynt eisoes, yn cynnwys rhaglen Ysgolion yr 21ain ganrif. Mae'r costau eisoes yn fwy na'r hyn a ragwelwyd gan awdurdodau pan gyflwynwyd cynigion yn wreiddiol oherwydd costau adeiladu cynyddol. Pwysleisiwyd bod y pryder yn ymwneud â sut i fynd i'r afael â goblygiadau costau, nid yr egwyddor ei hun o anelu am ganlyniadau di-garbon.
25. Fe nodwyd tra y gallai costau cychwynnol fod yn uwch, mae'n bosibl y bydd yna arbedion costau mewn rhai achosion dros oes y buddsoddiad o ganlyniad i gyflawni canlyniadau di-garbon (e.e. costau rhedeg is trwy arbed ynni yn well neu ddefnyddio ynni adnewyddadwy ar y safle), felly mae yna ddadl dros 'fuddsoddi i arbed'.
26. **Penderfynwyd:**

26.1 Bod Aelodau yn cymeradwyo'r ymrwymiad fel y nodir yn yr adroddiad i'r Cyngor Partneriaeth gyda'r amod bod cyllid angenrheidiol ar gael.

26.2 Bod Aelodau yn cefnogi'r ymrwymïadau ychwanegol sydd wedi'u cynnig ym mharagraff 7 yr adroddiad.

26.3 Cytunodd yr Aelodau ar y manylion sy'n cael eu datblygu gan y Panel Strategaeth Datgarboneiddio a naill ai dod â nhw i'r cyfarfod yn y dyfodol, neu os nad yw amser yn caniatáu, yn cael ei gytuno gyda'r Arweinwyr Grŵp.

26.4 Bod Aelodau yn cytuno i ysgrifennu at Bartneriaeth Pensiwn Cymru er mwyn cychwyn trafodaeth rhwng CLILC a'r Bartneriaeth ar Gynllun Pensiwn Llywodraeth Leol.

26.5 Bod Aelodau yn galw ar y mater o gostau cynyddol sy'n effeithio ar raglen Ysgolion yr 21ain ganrif, yn deillio o ymrwymiad i fod yn ddi-garbon, yn cael ei ddilyn gyda Llywodraeth Cymru.

Eitem 7. Rheoli Covid Hir mewn Llywodraeth Leol

27. Cyflwynodd y Cynghorydd Marsden yr adroddiad a dywedodd bod y Protocol Interim yn drefniant ar y cyd a gytunwyd gyda'r undebau llafur cydnabyddedig ar reolaeth dros dro o staff sydd wedi cael diagnosis Covid-Hir, er mwyn galluogi ymagwedd gyson, sympathetig a chefnogol ar draws awdurdodau lleol yng Nghymru.
28. Fe soniodd y Cynghorydd Marsden tra bod Covid-Hir yn dal i fod yn gyflwr newydd gyda niferoedd cymharol isel yn cael eu heffeithio, mae'n creu problemau i gyflogwyr wrth reoli'r rhai sydd wedi cael diagnosis Covid-Hir mewn modd sympathetig a chyson.
29. Mae'r Protocol Interim yn gosod sefyllfa dros dro, heb ragfarnu. Os bydd yr Aelodau yn cytuno, byddant yn ceisio cefnogaeth ar y cyd o ochr undebau llafur Cydgyngor Cymru a Fforwm Partneriaeth Gymdeithasol Ysgolion.

30. Penderfynwyd:

30.1 Bod Aelodau yn ystyried y Protocol Interim.

**30.2 Bod Aelodau yn cytuno i weithredu'r Protocol Interim
ym mhob awdurdod am gyfnod o 6 mis; a**

**30.3 Bod Aelodau yn cytuno i geisio cefnogaeth ar y cyd ar gyfer y
Protocol Interim o ochr undebau llafur Cydgyngor
Cymru a Fforwm Partneriaeth Gymdeithasol Ysgolion.**

Eitem 8. Ail frandio CLILC.

31. Cyflwynodd y Prif Weithredwr yr adroddiad ac fe soniodd am y cefndir i ymarfer Ail frandio CLILC. Fe nodwyd themâu a hanes brand CLILC a phwrrpas yr ail frandio'n gyffredinol.
32. Yng nghyfarfod cynharach yr Arweinwyr Grŵp cyn y Bwrdd Gweithredol, fe awgrymwyd y dylai Arweinwyr Grŵp wneud y penderfyniad terfynol mewn cysylltiad ag ail frandio CLILC. Gofynnwyd i Aelodau roi unrhyw sylwadau ynghylch yr ail frandio i'w arweinydd grŵp perthnasol.

33. Penderfynwyd:

**33.1 Bod Aelodau yn cytuno y byddai Arweinwyr Grŵp CLILC yn
trafod ymhellach ac yn dod i benderfyniad terfynol
ynghylch yr ail frandio.**

Eitem 9. CYFRINACHOL: Cais AD am Ymddeoliad Hyblyg

34. Dosbarthwyd adroddiad cyfrinachol i aelodau cyn y cyfarfod er mwyn cefnogi'r broses o wneud penderfyniad. Ni fydd yr adroddiad yn cael ei gyhoeddi gan ei fod yn cynnwys gwybodaeth gyfrinachol sydd wedi'i eithrio o'r disgrifiad a nodir yn y paragraffau canlynol yng Nghyfansoddiad CLILC:

- 20.6.1 (Gwybodaeth sydd yn ymwneud ag unigolyn penodol); a
- 20.6.3 (Gwybodaeth sydd yn ymwneud â materion ariannol neu fusnes unrhyw unigolyn penodol)

35. **Penderfynwyd:**

35.1 Bod aelodau yn ystyried ac yn cymeradwyo'r cais ar gyfer Ymddeoliad Hyblyg.

Eitem 10. Unrhyw Fater Arall

12:30 Daeth y Swyddog Llywyddu â'r cyfarfod i ben.

2.1 Draft Minutes WLGA Executive Board

WLGA Executive Board

Friday 16th July 2021

10:00 to 12:30 via Zoom



Present:

Chair: WLGA Presiding Officer, Cllr Huw David (Bridgend)

Blaenau Gwent – Cllr Nigel Daniels
Caerphilly – Cllr Philippa Marsden
Carmarthenshire – Cllr Emlyn Dole
Ceredigion – Cllr Ellen ap Gwynn
Conwy – Cllr Charlie McCoubrey
Denbighshire – Cllr Hugh Evans
Flintshire – Cllr Ian Roberts
Isle of Anglesey – Cllr Llinos Medi
Merthyr Tydfil – Cllr Lisa Mytton
Monmouthshire – Cllr Richard John
Neath Port Talbot – Sub Cllr Carol
Clement Williams
Newport – Cllr Jane Mudd
Pembrokeshire – Cllr David Simpson
Rhondda Cynon Taf – Cllr Andrew
Morgan
Swansea – Cllr Rob Stewart
Torfaen – Sub Cllr Richard Clark
Vale of Glamorgan – Cllr Neil Moore
Wrexham – Cllr Mark Pritchard

Apologies

Cardiff – Cllr Huw Thomas
Gwynedd – Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn
Neath Port Talbot – Cllr Edward Latham
Powys – Cllr Rosemarie Harris
Torfaen – Cllr Anthony Hunt

WLGA Officers in attendance:

Dr Chris Llewelyn, Chief Executive
Naomi Alleyne, Director of Social Services & Housing
Jon Rae, Director of Resources
Tim Peppin, Director of Regeneration & Sustainable Development
Daniel Hurford, Head of Policy Improvement & Governance
Sharon Davies, Head of Education
Jonathan Lloyd, Head of Employment
Lee Pitt, Democratic Services Officer
Emily Griffiths, Senior Support Officer

**10:00 Rebecca Evans, Minister for Finance & Local Government and
Eluned Morgan, Minister for Health & Social Services**

Item 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

1. The Deputy Presiding Officer welcomed Leaders to the meeting and the apologies for absence were accepted and recorded as above.

Item 2. Minutes of WLGA Meetings

2. Members reviewed the draft minutes of the:

- 2.1 WLGA Executive Board 28th May 2021
- 2.2 WLGA Council AGM 25th June 2021

3. **Resolved that:**

3.1 Members approved the draft minutes of the WLGA Executive 28th May 2021

3.2 Members noted the draft minutes of the WLGA Council AGM 25th June 2021

Item 3. WLGA Leader and Spokespersons' Updates

4. **Equalities Update** – Cllr Jane Mudd, Spokesperson Equalities, Anti-Poverty and Migration noted that equalities and tackling equalities is now a key priority for the Welsh Government and features strongly in the Programme for Government. Cllr Mudd also reported that there was a WLGA Equality Cabinet Members on the 8th of July, where the focus was on the response to the Race equality Action Plan. A number of Leaders also attended the meeting which Cllr Mudd noted was positive to see. The recently published independent review of disabled peoples' experiences of public services during the pandemic it was noted that it will be a challenging read for local government. A task force will be set up which, WLGA will be invited to join, chaired by the Minister for Social Justice, Jane Hutt, will be set up to address the report findings. Progress has also been made with Diversity in democracy pledges. Cllr Mudd and the Deputy Spokespeople are to meet with the Minister shortly and the case for greater resources to assist the WLGA with our equalities work will be made.
5. **ACTION:** Locked-Out Report to be circulated to Leaders.

6. **Finance Update** – Cllr Anthony Hunt, Finance Spokesperson, reported that a meeting of the Finance Sub-Group was held on the 15th of July where the paper on local authorities' finance pressures was presented. The need for the continuation of the COVID-19 Hardship Fund was also made. The Finance Minister was sympathetic to authorities position and reported the uncertainty of next year's Welsh Government's budget and committed to engage early and is keen to work closely with local government.
7. **Workforce Update** – Cllr Philippa Marsden, Workforce Spokesperson, reported that she had recently had an initial meeting with the new Deputy Minister for Social Partnership, Hannah Blythyn, and discussed issues around the proposed Bill and how local government could demonstrate leadership in relation to fair work through championing the real living wage and seeking accreditation as Living Wage employers. Discussion in relation to schools and the relaxation of covid rules and regulations is ongoing. The Joint Council Executive have been focusing on operational issues such as working from home, refuse and recycling and Long-Covid. It was reported that the national pay situation is still unresolved with the Employers offer of 1.5% having been rejected, with a further meeting on the 27th of July planned.
8. **ACTION:** Cllr Huw David, Spokesperson for Health and Social Care to circulate a written update of the meeting with the Deputy Minister and cabinet members network.

Item 4. Local Government Funding Formula

9. Cllr Anthony Hunt, Finance Spokesperson, introduced the report which suggests options for reviewing the funding formula following the presentation that was made at the Executive Board in May. Cllr Hunt highlighted paragraph nine and the three possible approaches detailed there in terms of the next steps. He reported that the Labour Group preference was to explore a jointly-led review between the WLGA and the Welsh Government.
10. Director of Resources, Jon Rae, noted the positive discussion and presentation at the May meeting and drew attention to paragraph three which sets out the main points of concern raised. Jon highlighted the risk and financial turbulence and the need to consider a stability mechanism before abandoning the formula. It was reported that the last review took four years to implement so any change would not be immediate. He also noted the Finance Minister's desire to reform local taxation which will also bring turbulence to the system.
11. Cllr Dole noted that at the he earlier Plaid Cymru Group the warnings set out in report in terms of risks were accepted but felt there was a way forward. Cllr Dole formally proposed a joint review funded by the Welsh Government and commissioned by the WLGA to ensure the findings are reported back to local government who can then consider the risks and decide on the way forward. Cllr Evans agreed and seconded the proposal. Cllr Evans echoed Jon's concern

and the uncertainty and implications of reviewing the existing formula but added that the existing situation produces outcomes which are neither fair nor clear. Cllr Evans noted that the recommendation needs to be clear and said any decision, going forward, should be in the hands of local government to have an internal conversation on where to go next. He added that the Welsh Government should work with the WLGA and fund the review as it is in everyone's interest to provide clarity.

12. The Chief Executive, in the Leader's absence, reported that at the Group Leaders meeting earlier Cllr Morgan supported the idea proposed by Cllr Dole and seconded by Cllr Evans. He also reported speaking to Cllr Siencyn whose opinion was that any review should be in the hands of WLGA and local government but acknowledged there may be still winners and losers. Chris noted that this was why, historically, the WLGA has focussed on the quantum of funding rather than the way it is distributed.

13. **Resolved that:**

13.1 Members noted the contents of the paper; and,

13.2 Members explored the next steps as set out at paragraph 9 of the report and agreed to approach the Welsh Government to fund a review of the formula. The review to be commissioned by the WLGA.

13.3 The Chief Executive agreed to pursue the funding issue with Welsh Government colleagues and to bring a revised paper back to the Executive Board and move with caution to reflect the concerns mentioned.

Item 5. Welsh Government's Programme for Government

14. The Chief Executive introduced the report setting out the WLGA's current understanding of the Welsh Government's Programme for Government and Legislative Programme and to stimulate discussion and to raise any concerns Leaders may have.
15. The proposed legislation is set out in paragraph 3 of the report and Chris noted the likelihood of secondary legislation which would be of interest to local government interest including in relation to CJs regulations.
16. There are some elements of immediate interest to local government in the Programme for Government that link to the WLGA Manifesto. Chris reported

that over the coming months the WLGA will seek clarity from the Welsh Government on shared interests, proposals, timescales and funding issues.

17. Members noted that there is a general lack of focus on rural areas in the Programme for Government.

18. **Resolved that:**

18.1 Members noted the contents of the report.

18.2 Members agreed to discuss the general lack of focus on rural areas in the Programme for Government at the WLGA Rural Forum (later in the month), which the Minister for Finance and Local Government is due to attend.

Item 6. Decarbonisation

19. The Director for Regeneration and Sustainable Development introduced the item and highlighted the report at Appendix 1 that was taken to Partnership Council recently which provided an update on work being progressed by the Decarbonisation Strategy Panel (established June 2020). The report sets out potential actions in four areas that local authorities could make the greatest carbon reductions: procurement, mobility/transport, building and land use.
20. The potential commitments authorities could make to carbon reduction were covered in paragraphs six and seven of the paper. The funding and timescale were both highlighted as critical for success.
21. In paragraphs nine to twelve, the role of local government pension funds was also highlighted, with the proposal to write to the Wales Pension Partnership to better understand its Responsible Investment Policy (draft letter included as annex).
22. Members were clear that resources must be made available if the ambitious targets and commitments are to be realised and this cannot be underestimated. Stating that commitments are 'subject to resources' gives the impression they are somehow optional whereas these are steps that have to be taken.
23. The extent to which achievement of a zero carbon Wales relies on wider public services such as NRW was also highlighted. The impact such bodies can have on authorities' own ability to hit targets was raised and it was felt this dependency should be acknowledged.

24. Concern was raised about the impact of increasing specifications to achieve zero carbon on costs of projects already agreed, including the 21st Century Schools programme. Costs are already more than anticipated by authorities when bids were originally submitted due to rising construction costs. It was stressed that the concern was about how to address the cost implications, not the principle itself of aiming for zero carbon outcomes.
25. It was noted that while initial costs may be higher, in some cases over the lifetime of an investment there may actually be cost savings as a result of achieving net zero outcomes (e.g. lower running costs through better energy efficiency or on-site use of renewable energy), so there can be an argument of 'invest to save' to be made.
26. **Resolved that:**
- 26.1 Members endorsed the commitments as set out in the report to the Partnership Council with the proviso that necessary funding must be made available**
 - 26.2 Members supported the additional commitments proposed in para. 7 of the report.**
 - 26.3 Members agreed to the detail being worked up further by the Decarbonisation Strategy Panel and either brought back to a future meeting or, if time does not allow, agreed with Group Leaders.**
 - 26.4 Members agreed to write to the Wales Pension Partnership to initiate a dialogue between the WLGA and the Partnership on the local government pension scheme.**
 - 26.5 Members called for the issue of increased costs affecting the 21st Century Schools programme, arising from a net zero commitment, to be pursued with the Welsh Government.**

Item 7. Managing Long-Covid in Local Government

27. Councillor Marsden introduced the report and noted the Interim Protocol is a joint arrangement agreed with the recognised trade unions on the temporary management of staff diagnosed with Long-Covid, to enable a consistent, sympathetic and supportive approach across local authorities in Wales.
28. Councillor Marsden highlighted that while Long-Covid is still an emerging condition, with currently relatively few affected, it creates issues for employers

in managing those diagnosed with Long-Covid in a sympathetic and consistent manner.

29. The Interim Protocol sets out a temporary, without prejudice, position. If members agree, joint support will be sought from the trade unions side of the Joint Council for Wales and the Schools Social Partnership Forum.

30. **Resolved that:**

30.1 Members considered the Interim Protocol

30.2 Members agreed to implement the Interim Protocol across all authorities for a period of 6 months; and

30.3 Members agreed to seek joint support for the Interim Protocol from the trade unions side of the Joint Council for Wales and the Schools Social Partnership Forum

Item 8. WLGA Rebranding

31. The Chief Executive introduced the report and set out the background to the WLGA Rebrand exercise. The themes and history of WLGA branding and the purpose of rebranding generally was noted.

32. In the earlier Group Leaders meeting, prior to the Executive Board, it was suggested that Group Leaders take the final decision in relation to the WLGA rebranding. Members were asked to feed any comments or observations in relation to the rebranding through to their relevant group leader.

33. **Resolved that:**

33.1 Members agreed the WLGA Group Leaders would discuss further and make the final rebranding decision.

Item 9. CONFIDENTIAL: HR Flexible Retirement Request

34. A confidential report was circulated to members prior to the meeting to support the decision making process. The report is not for publication as it contains confidential and exempt information of the description set out in the following paragraphs of the WLGA's Constitution:

- 20.6.1 (Information relating to a particular individual); and
- 20.6.3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person)

35. Resolved that:

35.1 Members considered and approved the application for Flexible Retirement.

Item 10. Any Other Business

12:30 The Presiding Officer closed the meeting.

2.2 Is-bwyllgor Rheoli CLILC

Cofnodion Drafft Dydd Gwener 20 Awst 2021

09:00 tan 10:00 trwy Zoom



Yn Bresennol:

Cadeirydd: Swyddog Llywyddu CLILC, Cyng. Huw David (Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr)

Cyng. Jane Mudd (Casnewydd)
Cyng. Andrew Morgan (Rhondda Cynon Taf)
Cyng. Hugh Evans OBE (Sir Ddinbych)
Cyng. Dyfrig Siencyn (Gwynedd)
Cyng. Richard John (Sir Fynwy)
Cyng. Ray Quant MBE (Ceredigion)
Cyng. Russell Goodway (Caerdydd)
Cyng. Julian Thompson-Hill (Sir Ddinbych)
Cyng. Ian Roberts (Sir y Fflint)
Cyng. Rob Stewart (Abertawe)

Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb:

Cyng. Huw Thomas (Caerdydd)
Cyng. Philippa Marsden (Caerffili)
Cyng. Emlyn Dole (Sir Gaerfyrddin)

Swyddogion CLILC hefyd yn bresennol:

Dr Chris Llewelyn, Prif Weithredwr
Naomi Alleyne, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Thai
Jon Rae, Cyfarwyddwr Adnoddau
Daniel Hurford, Pennaeth Polisi, Gwelliant a Llywodraethu
Graham Jones, Cynghorydd Cyswllt AD
Sharon Davies, Pennaeth Addysg
Elaine Adams, Swyddog Cymorth Gweinyddol
Emily Griffiths, Uwch-swyddog Cymorth

Eitem 1: Croeso ac ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

1. Nododd y Swyddog Llywyddu yr ymddiheuriadau uchod a chroesawodd y Cyng. Russell Goodway a oedd yn bresennol ar ran y Cyng. Huw Thomas.

Eitem 2: CYFRINACHOL Papur sicrwydd prydles ar gyfer One Canal Parade

2. Cyflwynodd y Cyfarwyddwr Adnoddau, Jon Rae, yr adroddiad ac ni fydd yn cael ei gyhoeddi gan ei fod yn cynnwys gwybodaeth gyfrinachol wedi'i heithrio o'r disgrifiad a amlinellir yn y paragraff canlynol o gyfansoddiad CLILC:

20.6.3 Gwybodaeth yn ymwneud â materion ariannol neu faterion busnes unrhyw berson penodol (yn cynnwys yr awdurdod sydd â'r wybodaeth honno)

3. Penderfynwyd:

- 3.1 Y dylai'r Aelodau gymeradwyo'r Brydles (a thrwyddedau), gan nodi y bydd Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Rhondda Cynon Taf a Chyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Torfaen yn cadw'r brydles ar ymddiriedaeth yn unol ag adran 22.1 o Gyfansoddiad CLILC, ac awdurdodi'r Cyngorau i weithredu dogfennau o'r fath ar ran aelodau CLILC**
- 3.2 Nododd yr Aelodau yr indemniadau gan aelodau eraill drwy adran 22.2 ac adran 28.3 o Gyfansoddiad CLILC.**

Eitem 3: Gweithio Ystwyth CLILC

4. Cyflwynwyd yr adroddiad gan Graham Jones, Cyngorydd Cyswllt Adnoddau Dynol. Adroddwyd bod trafodaethau hir wedi eu cynnal gyda'r Undebau Llafur a staff CLILC yn ystod y broses datblygu polisi. Mae'r undebau llafur wedi cytuno y byddant yn cefnogi sut y rhoddir y polisi newydd ar waith, yn amodol ar gynnal adolygiad ffurfiol maes o law. Nodwyd y bydd trafodaethau 1-2-1 yn cael eu cynnal rhwng rheolwyr a staff yn ystod Medi a Hydref, gan mai nhw yw'r rhai gorau i benderfynu pa waith y dylid ei wneud yn y swyddfa neu mewn unrhyw leoliad penodol arall. Nodwyd bod cynnig ar droed i newid lwfansau milltiroedd ceir a rhai apwyntiadau meddygol; bydd effaith y newidiadau hyn yn cael eu hadolygu'n rheolaidd. Nodwyd bod yr argymhellion yn cael eu hamlinellu ym mharagraff 22 y papur.

5. Nodwyd y bydd adroddiad cynnydd yn cael ei gyflwyno i'r Is-bwyllgor Rheoli dim hwyrach na Mawrth 2022.

6. Yn ei habsenoldeb, dywedodd y Prif Weithredwr fod y Cyng. Marsden, fel Llefarydd Cyflogaeth, yn cefnogi'r papur.

7. Roedd y Cyng. Evans yn cefnogi'r papur, a nodwyd y gall Awdurdodau Lleol ddysgu o ymagwedd CLILC. Gofynnwyd a fydd monitro perfformiad a chapasiti yn cael eu hystyried? A fydd arfarniadau'n dal i gael eu cynnal er mwyn sicrhau bod staff yn teimlo eu bod yn cael eu cefnogi?

Nododd Graham mai un o brif heriau gweithio gartref yw sicrhau bod perfformiad yn cael ei fesur er mwyn gweld yr hyn sy'n cael ei gyflawni. Bydd system arfarnu newydd yn ei lle erbyn y Nadolig. Cynhelir cyfarfodydd 1-2-1 yn y lle cyntaf i fonitro perfformiad a chapasiti.

8. Penderfynwyd:

- 8.1 Yr Aelodau i gymeradwyo Polisi, Gweithdrefnau a Chanllawiau Gweithio Ystwyth CLILC i'w rhoi ar waith ar unwaith**
- 8.2 Cytunodd yr Aelodau fod Prif Weithredwr CLILC wedi ei awdurdodi i ddiwygio'r polisi, fel bo'r angen, ac i roi unrhyw drefniadau gweithredu diwygiedig/newydd yn eu lle a fyddai eu hangen er mwyn cefnogi'r broses o roi'r polisi ar waith yn effeithiol**

Eitem 4. Cyfarfod CLILC gyda Chabinet Llywodraeth Cymru – 6 Hydref

9. Cyflwynodd Daniel Hurford, Pennaeth Polisi, Gwelliant a Llywodraethu yr eitem, a dywedodd y byddai Arweinyddion wedi derbyn gohebiaeth gan Lywodraeth Cymru dros yr wythnosau diwethaf ynghylch y cyfarfod hwn. Nodwyd mai dyma'r tro cyntaf i gyfarfod fel hwn gael ei gynnal ers Datganoli a dyma'r tro cyntaf i'r Cabinet gwrdd â holl Arweinyddion Awdurdodau Lleol y wlad.

10. Nodwyd bod angen i lywodraeth leol gynnig dau faes blaenoriaeth i'w trafod yn y cyfarfod a byddai dau arall yn cael eu cynnig gan Lywodraeth Cymru.

11. Croesawodd Arweinydd CLILC gyfarfod arfaethedig y Prif Weinidog a dywedodd fod hwn yn gyfle pwysig i lywodraeth leol. Awgrymodd y Cyng. Morgan mai'r ddau faes blaenoriaeth i'w trafod fyddai Newid Hinsawdd ac Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol. Nodwyd bod yr olaf yn faes eang ond y dylid ei drafod gan fod gofal cymdeithasol mewn sefyllfa argyfyngus, mae'r gaeaf ar ei ffordd a'r amseroedd aros yn hirach.

12. Nododd yr Aelodau hefyd fod cyllid llywodraeth leol yn brif flaenoriaeth, yn cynnwys yr angen am sicrwydd ynghylch cyllid yn y tymor hirach a chyllidebu dros dair blynedd wrth symud ymlaen.

14. Nodwyd y gallai cyllid ac adnoddau fod yn ffactorau amlwg yn y ddau faes blaenoriaeth a awgrymwyd ac y dylid trafod cyllid drwy sianelau eraill, yn cynnwys yr Is-grŵp Cyllid.

15. Nododd y Prif Weithredwr efallai y byddai'n werth ystyried dewisiadau eraill er mwyn sicrhau bod pedair eitem yn cael eu trafod.

16. Nododd yr Arweinydd, ar sail trafodaethau, y gallai Diwygio Treth y Cyngor fod yn eitem wrth gefn.

17. Penderfynwyd:

17.1 Cytunodd yr Aelodau ar y ddau destun i'w blaenoriaethu a'r testun wrth gefn a gynigiwyd gan Arweinydd CLILC, yn amodol ar safbwyntiau pellach gan yr holl Arweinyddion

Eitem 5. Unrhyw Fater Arall

18. Holodd y Cyng. Siencyn gwestiwn brys am ffoaduriaid o Affganistan. Gofynnodd y Cyng. Siencyn a oes canllawiau y gallai Awdurdodau Lleol eu derbyn ynghylch cyllid a chefnogaeth, a diweddariad ar sut i ymdrin â'r sefyllfa a sut mae llywodraeth leol yn cydweithio gyda Llywodraeth Cymru a Llywodraeth y DU.

19. Nododd Naomi Alleyne, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Thai, fod CLILC wedi derbyn gwybodaeth am y cyllid sydd ar gael i Awdurdodau Lleol a fyddai'n cael ei rhannu â'r Arweinyddion. Nodwyd bod trafodaethau'n parhau gyda llywodraethau i edrych ar y gwahanol gynlluniau mae'r Awdurdodau Lleol yn ymwneud â nhw. Mae'r trafodaethau gyda'r Trysorlys yn parhau gan fod angen eiddo mwy. Mae CLILC yn arwyddo llythyr ynghyd â CLIL am yr hyn y gofynnir amdano gan Lywodraeth y DU. Mae Partneriaeth Ymfudo Strategol Cymru yn cael cyfarfodydd wythnosol gyda Swyddogion Awdurdodau Lleol. Mae'r trafodaethau hefyd yn parhau ynghylch trefniadau wrth gefn a'r syniad o gael llety dros dro mewn gwestai cyn y ceir llety parhaol.

20. Pwysleisiodd CLILC fod nifer y ffoaduriaid sy'n dod i Gymru yn isel iawn, ar gyfartaledd dim ond 4 teulu a fydd ym mhob Awdurdod Lleol. Nodwyd bod Llywodraeth y DU yn ariannu Awdurdodau Lleol ar gyfer y gefnogaeth a roddir ond, os bydd diffyg arian, bydd angen i lywodraeth leol ofyn i Lywodraeth Cymru am gymorth ychwanegol.

21. Nodwyd efallai yr hoffai'r Arweinydd ac Aelodau'r Cabinet Tai ysgrifennu at Lywodraeth Cymru i amlygu cefnogaeth CLILC a'r angen posibl am gefnogaeth ariannol ychwanegol.

22. Nododd y Swyddog Llywyddu efallai yr hoffai CLILC ryddhau datganiad yn amlinellu'r gefnogaeth ar gyfer ffoaduriaid o Affganistan.

10:00 Daethpwyd â'r cyfarfod i ben gan y Swyddog Llywyddu.

2.2 WLGA Management Sub-Committee

Draft Minutes Friday 20th August 2021
09:00 to 10:00 via Zoom



Present:

Chair: WLGA Presiding Officer, Cllr Huw David (Bridgend)

Cllr Jane Mudd (Newport)
Cllr Andrew Morgan (Rhondda Cynon Taf)
Cllr Hugh Evans OBE (Denbighshire)
Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn (Gwynedd)
Cllr Richard John (Monmouthshire)
Cllr Ray Quant MBE (Ceredigion)
Cllr Russell Goodway (Cardiff)
Cllr Julian Thompson-Hill (Denbighshire)
Cllr Ian Roberts (Flintshire)
Cllr Rob Stewart (Swansea)

Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Huw Thomas (Cardiff)
Cllr Philippa Marsden (Caerphilly)
Cllr Emlyn Dole (Carmarthenshire)

WLGA Officers in Attendance:

Dr Chris Llewelyn, Chief Executive
Naomi Alleyne, Director of Social Services & Housing
Jon Rae, Director of Resources
Daniel Hurford, Head of Policy Improvement &
Governance Graham Jones, Associate HR Advisor
Sharon Davies, Head of Education
Elaine Adams, Administrative Support Officer
Emily Griffiths, Senior Support Officer

Item 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

1. The Presiding Officer noted the above apologies and welcomed Cllr Russell Goodway who was in attendance on behalf of Cllr Huw Thomas.

Item 2. **CONFIDENTIAL Lease cover paper for One Canal Parade**

2. The Director of Resources, Jon Rae, presented the report which is not for publication as it contains confidential and exempt information of the description set out in the following paragraph of the WLGA's constitution:

20.6.3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

3. Resolved that

- 3.1 Members approved the Lease (and licences), noting that Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council and Torfaen County Borough Council will hold the lease on trust according to section 22.1 of the WLGA Constitution, and authorise such Councils to execute such documentation on behalf of the members of WLGA**
- 3.2 Members noted the indemnities from other members through section 22.2 and section 28.3 of the WLGA Constitution.**

Item 3. WLGA Agile Working

4. Graham Jones, Associate HR Advisor presented the report. It was reported that extensive discussions had taken place with Trade Unions and WLGA staff during the policy development process. The trade unions have agreed to support the implementation of the new policy, subject to a formal review taking place in due course. Noted that 1-2-1 discussions are to take place between managers and staff during September and October, as they are best placed to decide what work activities should be carried out in the office or at any other specified location. Noted that changes to car mileage allowances and some medical appointments are proposed; the impact of these changes will be kept under review. It was noted that the recommendations are set out in paragraph 22 of the paper.

5. Noted that a progress report will be presented to the Management Sub-Committee no later than March 2022.

6. The Chief Executive reported, in her absence, that Cllr Marsden as Employment Spokesperson supports the paper.

7. Cllr Evans supported the paper and noted that LAs can learn from WLGA's approach. Questioned whether monitoring performance and capacity comes into consideration? Will appraisals still go ahead to ensure staff feel they are supported?

Graham noted that one of the key challenges of working from home is to ensure measuring performance to see what is being achieved. New appraisal system will be in place by Christmas. 1-2-1 meetings will be the forerunner of monitoring performance and capacity.

8. Resolved that:

- 8.1 Members approved the WLGA Agile Working Policy, Procedure and Guidance for immediate implementation**
- 8.2 Members agreed that the WLGA's Chief Executive is authorised to amend the policy, as necessary, and to put in place any revised/new operational arrangements which might be required to support the effective implementation of the policy**

Item 4. WLGA meeting with Welsh Government Cabinet – 6th October

9. Daniel Hurford, Head of Policy Improvement and Governance, introduced the item and mentioned Leaders will have received correspondence from Welsh Government over the last few weeks in relation to the meeting. It was noted that this is the first time a meeting like this has been held since Devolution and the first time a Cabinet has met with all LA Leaders of a country.

10. It was noted that local government had been asked to put forward two priority areas for discussion at the meeting and a further two would be put forward by the Welsh Government.

11. The WLGA Leader welcomed the First Minister's proposed meeting and stated that this was an important opportunity for local government. Cllr Morgan suggested the two main priority areas to discuss are Climate Change and Health and Social Care. It was noted that the latter is broad area but important to be discussed as social care is almost in crisis, winter is coming and waiting times are longer.

12. Members also noted that local government funding was a key priority, including the need for certainty around longer term funding and three-year budgeting going forward.

14. It was noted that funding and resources could feature heavily in the suggested two priority areas discussed and that funding was discussed through other channels, including the Finance Sub Group.

15. The Chief Executive noted that it might be worth considering other options to ensure four items are discussed.

16. The Leader noted that, based on discussions, Council Tax Reform could be a reserve item.

17. Resolved that:

17.1 Members agreed on the two priority topics and the back-up topic put forward by the WLGA Leader, subject to further views from all Leaders

Item 5. AOB

18. Cllr Siencyn raised emergency question regarding Afghan refugees. Cllr Siencyn asked if there is guidance LAs could receive around finance and support and an update on the approach to the situation and how local government are collaborating with Welsh Government and UK Government.

19. Naomi Alleyne, Director of Social Services & Housing, noted that the WLGA had received information on finance available to LAs that would be shared with Leaders. It was noted that discussions are ongoing with governments to look at the different schemes LAs are involved with. Discussions with Treasury are ongoing as there is a requirement for larger properties. The WLGA are signing a letter alongside LGA on asks going into the UK Government. WSMP are having weekly meetings with LA Officers. Discussions are ongoing around contingency agreements and the idea of having hotels as temporary accommodation before permanent accommodation is found.

20. The WLGA Leader emphasised that the numbers of refugees coming to Wales are very small, on average there would only be 4 families per LA. Noted that UK Government are funding LAs for the support given, but if there becomes a shortfall local government will need to go to the Welsh Government for additional support.

21. Noted that the Leader and Housing Cabinet Members may want to write to Welsh Government highlighting the WLGA support and the potential need for additional funding support.

22. The Presiding Officer noted that the WLGA may want to release a statement outlining the support for Afghan refugees.

10:00 The Presiding Officer closed the meeting.