



Briefing paper

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The 2017 Welsh Government Cabinet Reshuffle

Introduction

The First Minister Carwyn Jones undertook a Cabinet Reshuffle in November 2017.

The purpose of this briefing paper is to provide information on the new Cabinet, and the key elements of their portfolios where third sector interests may lie.

The Cabinet



Carwyn Jones, First Minister

Key responsibilities:

- Leading policy development and delivery
- Chairing Cabinet meetings
- Managing relationships with the rest of the UK and internationally



Alun Davies, Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services

Key responsibilities:

- The voluntary sector and volunteering – he will now chair the twice-yearly meetings of the Third Sector Partnership Council
- The Valleys Taskforce and Programme, to regenerate the Valleys area of Wales
- Oversight of audit, inspection and regulation relating to public services, including organisational arrangements of Health Inspectorate Wales and the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales.
- Community safety, including relationships with the Police and Crime Commissioners.
- Financial governance relating to local government
- Community fire safety
- The structure and reform of local authorities

[Fiona Harris](#), TSPC Support Officer, administers the Third Sector Partnership Council's meetings with Alun Davies. Email her for more information.



Rebecca Evans, Minister for Housing and Regeneration

Key responsibilities:

- Housing relating activities of Local Authorities and housing associations
- Welfare reform
- Financial inclusion, including Credit Unions
- Supply and quality of market, social and affordable housing

[Anna Nicholl](#), WCVA Director of Strategy and Sector Development, facilitates the third sector's meetings with Alun Davies and Rebecca Evans. Email her for more information.



Mark Drakeford, Cabinet Secretary for Finance

Key responsibilities:

- Taxation policy
- The National Procurement Service and Value Wales
- The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and liaison with the Future Generations Commissioner
- EU Structural Funds

[Anna Nicholl](#), WCVA Director of Strategy and Sector Development, facilitates the third sector's meetings with Mark Drakeford. Email her for more information.



Vaughan Gething, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services

Key responsibilities:

- The NHS
- Mental health services
- Health and social care research and development
- Public health
- Substance misuse



Huw Irranca-Davies, Minister for Children and Social Care

Key responsibilities:

- Children's and young people's rights and advocacy under the Social Services and Wellbeing Wales Act.
- Families First and play policies
- Oversight of the provision of Local Authorities' social services activities
- Oversight of Social Care Wales
- Relationships with the Older People's Commissioner for Wales

[Judith Stone](#), WCVA Deputy Director of Strategy and Sector Development, facilitates the third sector's meetings with Vaughan Gething and Huw Irranca-Davies. Email her for more information.



Lesley Griffiths, Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs

Key responsibilities:

- Climate change, emission reduction targets and carbon budgets
- The Rural Development Programme
- Agricultural sector development
- Animal health and welfare
- Energy policy



Hannah Blythyn, Minister for Environment

Key responsibilities:

- Strategy and policy for Natural Resources Management, including implementation of the Environment (Wales) Act.
- Mitigation and adaptation in relation to climate change.
- Forestry and water policy
- Access to the countryside
- Wildlife management
- Local environment quality

[Clare Sain-Ley Berry](#), *Head of Environet Cymru, facilitates the third sector's meetings with Lesley Griffiths and Hannah Blythyn. Email her for more information*



Ken Skates, Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport

Key responsibilities:

- Social enterprise and the social economy
- Entrepreneurship and business support
- Transport policy
- Active travel
- Promoting prosperity



Dafydd Elis-Thomas, Minister for Culture, Tourism and Sport

Key responsibilities:

- Community sport, physical activity and recreation

- Oversight of the distribution of Lottery funding in Wales
- Policy for the historic environment
- Policy for culture, creativity and the arts
- Sponsorship and remit of the Arts Council

[Matthew Brown](#), *Head of Investment and Partnerships*, facilitates the third sector's meetings with Ken Skates and Dafydd Elis-Thomas. Email him for more information



Kirsty Williams, Cabinet Secretary for Education

Key responsibilities:

- Safeguarding and inclusion in schools
- Additional learning needs
- School standards and pupil attainment
- Education workforce training and development



Eluned Morgan, Minister for Welsh Language and Lifelong Learning

Key responsibilities:

- Welsh medium and bilingual education
- Adult community learning
- Workforce skills development
- European programmes relating to skills and development
- Youth Work policy
- Further education

[Judith Stone](#), *WCVA Deputy Director of Strategy and Sector Development*, facilitates the third sector's meetings with Kirsty Williams and Eluned Morgan. Email her for more information.



Julie James, Leader of the House and Chief Whip

Key responsibilities

- Digital inclusion
- Equalities under the Equality Act and human rights in relation to UN and EU conventions
- Coordination of issues relating to gypsies, traveller, asylum seekers, migrant workers, immigration and community cohesion
- Anti-slavery, domestic abuse, gender-based violence and sexual violence
- Management of Government Business in the Assembly
- Delivery of the weekly Business Statement

[Jessica Williams](#), WCVA Third Sector European Team Manager, facilitates meetings between Julie James and WCVA's Equalities and Human Rights Coalition. Email her for more details.



Jeremy Miles, Counsel General Designate

Key responsibilities

- Oversee the work of the Legal Services Department
- Consider whether Assembly bills should be referred to the Supreme Court to determine if they are within the Assembly's competence
- Oversee representation of Welsh Government in the courts