

EOC(2) 01-04(agd)

Equality of Opportunity Committee

Agenda

Date: 5 February 2004
Time: 09:30
Venue: Committee Rooms 3 & 4, National Assembly for Wales

Item 1: Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Item 2: Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising (09:30 - 09:40)

Paper: EOC(2) 05-03(min) - minutes of meeting held on 11 December
Purpose: To agree the minutes of the previous Committee meeting and discuss matters arising

Item 3: Scrutiny of European proposals (09:40 - 09:50)

Paper: EOC(2) 01-04(p01) - Scrutinising European legislation
Purpose: To inform the Committee about recent European proposals relevant to equality issues

Item 4: Mainstreaming review: Audit Commission presentation on monitoring and evaluating progress on promoting equality (09:50 - 10:30)

- Papers: Reports for background on Audit Commission's equality work:
- EOC(2) 01-04(p02) - Equality and Diversity report
 - EOC(2) 01-04(p03) - Directions in diversity: Current opinion and good practice report
 - EOC(2) 01-04(p04) - Human Rights: Improving public service delivery
- Purpose: The Committee will receive a presentation from the Audit Commission about monitoring and evaluating progress on promoting equality
- In attendance: Doug Elliott, Head of Policy and Research, Audit Commission in Wales
Andrew Lewis, District Auditor, Audit Commission in Wales

Break (10:30 - 10:45)

Item 5: Issues facing asylum seekers and refugees in Wales (10:45 - 11:30)

- Paper: EOC(2) 01-04(p05) - Report from the Welsh Local Authorities Consortium for Refugees and Asylum Seekers
EOC(2) 01-04(p06) - A Welsh Asylum Narrative
EOC(2) 01-04(p07) - Report from the CRE on experiences of asylum seekers and refugees
EOC(2) 01-04(p08) - Outline of Assembly Government work in this area
- Purpose: The Committee will discuss the issues facing asylum seekers and refugees in Wales
- In attendance: Leona Evans, Manager - Welsh Local Authorities Consortium for Refugees and Asylum Seekers
Rev. Aled Edwards, Liaison Officer - Churches Together in Wales and Chair - Displaced People in Action and Cardiff and District Asylum Seekers and Refugee Support Group

Item 6: Mainstreaming equality review - emerging themes (11:30 - 12:30)

Papers: EOC(2) 01-04 (p09) - Mainstreaming equality in the work of other Assembly committees
EOC(2) 01-04 (p10) - Emerging themes in the Committee's Review of mainstreaming equality in the work of the Assembly

Purpose: The Committee will discuss emerging themes in its policy review on mainstreaming equality

Papers to note:

- EOC(2) 01-04(p11) - Letter from the Department for Trade and Industry following up points raised by the Committee in a discussion about the UK Government consultation 'Age Matters' on 2 October 2003
- EOC(2) 01-02(p12) - Letter from the Commission for Racial Equality regarding a breakdown of cases dealt with last year