

# Equality of Opportunity Committee

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**Date:25 October 2006**

**Time09.15 – 12.30**

**Venue:Committee Room 3, Senedd**

**Title:Assembly Parliamentary Service Draft Disability Equality Scheme  
December 2006 – May 2007**

## **Purpose**

To seek the Committee's views on the Assembly Parliamentary Service Draft Disability Equality Scheme December 2006 – May 2007

## **Background**

**The Disability Discrimination Act 1995, as amended by the Disability Discrimination Act 2005 (the Act) imposes a general duty on all public authorities, when carrying out their public functions, to have due regard to the need to:**

- promote equality of opportunity between disabled persons and other persons;
- eliminate discrimination that is unlawful under the Act;
- eliminate harassment of disabled persons that is related to their disabilities;
- promote positive attitudes towards disabled persons;
- encourage participation by disabled persons in public life; and
- take steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, even where that involves treating disabled persons more favourably than other persons.

**Most public authorities, including the National Assembly for Wales, are also required to:**

- publish a Disability Equality Scheme (including within it an Action Plan) by 4 December 2006;
- involve disabled people in producing the Scheme and Action Plan;
- demonstrate they have taken actions in the Scheme and achieved appropriate outcomes;
- report on progress; and
- **review and revise the Scheme.**

**The APS section of the National Assembly for Wales Disability Equality Scheme  
December 2006 – May 2007 is attached at Annex 1.**

5. It is intended that the Assembly's Disability Equality Scheme will be debated by Plenary on 14 November before being published ahead of the 4 December 2006 deadline, as required by the Act.

**Action for the Committee**

6. Members are asked to comment on the draft Scheme.

**Members' Research and Committee Service**

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