

# Equality of Opportunity Committee

## Concise Minutes : EOC(3)-01-11 : 18 January 2011

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**Time: 9.30 – 10.55**

**Venue: Committee Room 1, Senedd, National Assembly for Wales**

### Assembly Members in attendance

Ann Jones, Vale of Clwyd (Chair)  
Mohammad Asghar, South Wales East  
Veronica German, South Wales East  
Dai Lloyd, South Wales West  
Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales

### Witnesses

Ieuan Wyn Jones AM, Deputy First Minister and Minister for Economy and Transport

### Item 2

Jeff Collins, Welsh Assembly Government  
Dave Thomas, Welsh Assembly Government

### Item 3

Sioned Rees, Welsh Assembly Government  
Grenville Jackson, Welsh Assembly Government

### Committee Staff

Claire Morris, Clerk  
Catherine Hunt, Deputy Clerk  
Ben Stokes, Members' Research Service  
Robin Wilkinson, Members' Research Service  
Helen Roberts, Legal Adviser

### Item 1: Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Janet Ryder. Dai Lloyd attended as a substitute.
- 1.3 There were no declarations of interest.

### Item 2: Inquiry into the Impact of Welsh Government Policy on the Accessibility of Transport Services for Disabled People in Wales – Oral Evidence from the Deputy First Minister and Minister for the Economy and Transport

Paper: EOC(3)-01-11(p1)

2.1 The Committee took evidence from Ieuan Wyn Jones AM, the Deputy First Minister and Minister for the Economy and Transport as part of its inquiry into the Impact of Welsh Government Policy on the Accessibility of Transport Services for Disabled People in Wales.

### Action

The Deputy First Minister would share with the Committee the guidance issued to local authorities in relation to companion bus passes.

### Item 3: Follow-up on Inquiry into Older People and Employment Discrimination (published November 2009) – Oral Evidence from the Deputy First Minister and Minister for the Economy and Transport

Paper: EOC(3)-01-11(p2)

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Ieuan Wyn Jones AM, the Deputy First Minister and Minister for the Economy and Transport as part

of its follow-up on its inquiry into Older People and Employment Discrimination.

### **Action**

The Deputy First Minister would provide a written response to the question raised on the Welsh Government's thinking on whether a new strategy for older people in Wales should be developed.

### **Item 4: Motion under Standing Order 10.37 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for Item 5**

4.1 The Committee agreed to the motion.

### **Private Session**

### **Item 5: Inquiry into the Impact of Welsh Government Policy on the Accessibility of Transport Services for Disabled People in Wales – Consideration of Key Issues**

5.1 The Committee considered and agreed the key issues on its inquiry into the Impact of Welsh Government Policy on the Accessibility of Transport Services for Disabled People in Wales.

### **Papers Noted**

3.1 The Committee noted the following papers:

Inquiry into the Impact of Welsh Government Policy on the Accessibility of Transport Services for Disabled People in Wales – Evidence from Newport Transport

Paper: EOC(3)-01-11(p3)

Minutes of meeting held on 7 December 2010

EOC(3)-16-10