

# Equality of Opportunity Committee

## Minutes EOC(3)-05-10

**Date:** Tuesday 16 March 2010

**Time:** 09.30 - 11.00

**Venue:** Committee Room 2, Senedd, National Assembly for Wales

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Ann Jones, Vale of Clwyd (Chair)  
Mohammad Asghar, South Wales East  
Eleanor Burnham, North Wales  
Janet Ryder, North Wales  
Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales

### Officials in Attendance

Claire Morris, Clerk  
Catherine Hunt, Deputy Clerk  
Denise Rogers, Members' Research Service  
Helen Roberts, Legal Adviser

### Others in Attendance

#### Item 2

Alison Ward, Society of Local Authority Chief Executives

Cllr Gordon Kemp, Welsh Local Government Association

Anna Freeman, Welsh Local Government Association

Dominic MacAskill, UNISON Wales

Mike Colley, UNISON Wales

#### Item 1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions

##### 1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee members and members of the public.

1.2 There were no apologies or substitutions.

1.3 There were no declarations of interest.

#### Item 2: Update on the Equal Pay Campaign

Papers: EOC(3)-05-10(p1) and EOC(3)-05-10(p2)

2.1 The witnesses responded to questions from the Committee.

2.2 The witnesses agreed to provide additional information as requested by the Committee.

#### Action

The Chair would write to Ms Freeman to request information on how local authorities had allocated the 4.5% uplift provided by the Welsh Government for equal pay liabilities; which local authorities had allocated reserves to cover back pay payments and why authorities had not taken up capitalisation funds.

The Chair would invite the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government to attend a future session with the Committee on the Equal Pay Campaign.

#### Item 3: Motion under Standing Order 10.37 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for Item 4

3.1 The Committee agreed to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.

#### Private session

#### Item 4: Inquiry into Discrimination against People Living with HIV by Healthcare Professionals and Providers -

## **Consideration of Draft Report**

4.1 The Committee agreed the draft report.

## **Papers to note**

Additional information from the Equality and Human Rights Commission and the Wales TUC on the Equal Pay Campaign

Paper: EOC(3)05-10(p3)

Retirement age and pensionable age

Paper: EOC(3)05-10(p4)

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