

Equality of Opportunity Committee

Minutes EOC(3)-06-09

Date: Tuesday 28 April 2009

Time: 9.30 - 11.00 am

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

Assembly Members in Attendance
Ann Jones, Vale of Clwyd (Chair)
Eleanor Burnham, North Wales
Jonathan Morgan, Cardiff North
Janet Ryder, North Wales
Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales
Officials in Attendance
Bethan Webber, Clerk
Rita Phillips, Deputy Clerk

Others in Attendance
Jocelyn Davies AM, Deputy Minister for Housing
Brendon Hilbourne, Head of the Private Sector Unit, Welsh Assembly Government
Jeff Childs, Head of the Private Sector Renewal Branch, Welsh Assembly Government

Item 1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions

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

1.2 There were no declarations of interest.

Item 2: Inquiry into Home Maintenance and Adaptations Services for Older People in Wales

Papers: EOC(3)-06-09(p.1)

EOC(3)-06-09(p.2)

EOC(3)-06-09(p.3)

2.1 The Deputy Minister for Housing and her officials responded to questions from the Committee.

Actions

Deputy Minister to provide the Committee with guidance issued to Local Authorities following the Welsh Assembly Government's Review of Housing Adaptations in 2005.

Deputy Minister to raise issue of workforce planning for Occupational Therapists with the Minister for Health and Social Services.

Deputy Minister to provide the Committee with the evaluation of the Care and Repair maintenance service trial in Bridgend.

Deputy Minister to ask the WLGA for the final report of its current bench marking study and submit to the Committee.

Deputy Minister to explore what can be done to ensure equality in the services people, across all tenures, can access.

Deputy Minister to ask Local Authorities if they keep registers of houses, in their housing stock, which have been adapted.

2.2 The Chair thanked the Deputy Minister, Brendon Hilbourne and Jeff Childs for attending the Committee meeting to give evidence.

Item 3: Terms of Reference for Inquiry into Older People and Employment Discrimination

Paper: EOC(3)-06-09(p.4)

3.1 The Committee agreed the Terms of Reference for the Committee's inquiry into Older People and Employment Discrimination and the list of stakeholders

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