# **Equality of Opportunity Committee**

## Minutes EOC(3)-11-09

Date: Tuesday 14 July 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 Janet Ryder, North Wales Jonathan Morgan, Cardiff North Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales

Officials in Attendance

Bethan Webber, Clerk Rita Phillips, Deputy Clerk Denise Rogers, Members' Research Service Helen Roberts, Legal Adviser

Others in Attendance

John Griffiths AM, Deputy Minister for Skills Sylvia Howe, Senior Welfare Reform Manager, Welsh Assembly Government Samantha Huckle, Head of Employability 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 apologies or substitutions.
- 1.3 There were no declarations of interest.

#### Item 2: Inquiry into Older People and Employment Discrimination

Paper: EOC(3)-11-09(p.1)

2.1 The Deputy Minister for Skills and his officials responded to questions from the Committee.

#### Action:

Deputy Minister to provide statistics on numbers of people over 50 who have been assisted by Local Employment Partnerships.

2.2 The Chair thanked the Deputy Minister, Sylvia Howe and Samantha Huckle for attending the Committee and for submitting a paper in advance.

The Committee agreed, under Standing Order 10.37 (vii), that the rest of the meeting would be held in private.

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