

Equality of Opportunity Committee

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Time: 9.30 – 10.40

Venue: Committee room 3, 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
Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales

Witnesses

Carl Sargeant, Minister for Social Justice and Local Government
Frank Cuthbert, Welsh Assembly Government
Gill Lambert, Welsh Assembly Government

Committee Staff

Claire Morris, Clerk
Catherine Hunt, Deputy Clerk

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

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed Veronica German as a new member of the Committee and thanked her predecessor, Eleanor Burnham for her contribution to the Committee.
- 1.3 There were no apologies or substitutions.
- 1.4 There were no declarations of interest.

Item 2: Accessibility of Polling Stations in Wales – Update from the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government

Paper: EOC(3)-11-10(p.1)

2.1 The Committee took evidence from the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government on the accessibility of polling stations in Wales.

Action

The Minister would share a copy of his forthcoming letter to local authority Chief Executives with the Committee.

Item 3: Update on the Welsh Assembly Government Single Equality Scheme

Paper: EOC(3)-11-10(p.2)

3.1 The Committee questioned the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government on the Welsh Assembly Government Single Equality Scheme.

Action

The Minister would share with the Committee the guidance used to assess the impact of the Single Equality Scheme.

The Minister agreed to write to the Deputy First Minister about the use of audible announcements on buses in Wales, and circulate a copy of his letter to the Committee.

Item 4: Papers Noted

4.1 The Committee noted the following paper:

EOC(3)-10-10 Minutes of meeting held on 6 July 2010