

Equality of Opportunity Committee

Minutes EOC(3)-13-08

Date: Thursday 16 October 2008

Time: 9.30 - 10.45

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

Assembly Members in Attendance

Ann Jones (Chair), Vale of Clwyd
Eleanor Burnham, North Wales
Nick Ramsay, Monmouth
Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales
Bethan Jenkins, South Wales West

Officials in Attendance

Tom Jackson, Clerk
Rita Phillips, Deputy Clerk
Denise Rogers, Members' Research Service
Steve Boyce, Members' Research Service

Others in Attendance

Brian Gibbons AM, Minister for Social Justice and Local Government
Heulwen Blackmore, Head of Equalities and Human Rights
Steve Chamberlain, Head of Equality and Human Rights Delivery

Item 1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions

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

1.2 The Chair informed members of the Committee that the First Minister was unable to attend the meeting as planned. He would be scrutinised on the prioritisation of equal opportunities within the One Wales Government at a later date.

1.3 There were no declarations of interest.

Item 2: Scrutiny of the Draft Budget

Paper: EOC(3)-13-08(p.1)

2.1 The Minister for Social Justice and Local Government responded to questions from the Committee.

Action:

The Chair to write to the Chair of Finance Committee outlining the Committee's conclusions arising from scrutiny of the draft budget.

Item 3: Inquiry into Older People's Issues

Paper: EOC(3)-13-08(p.2)

3.1 The Committee agreed the terms of reference and call for evidence for the inquiry into home maintenance and adaptations services for older people.

Actions:

Secretariat to add Wales Women's National Coalition to the list of consultees.

Committee members to inform Secretariat of any other possible consultees.

The Committee resolved to hold the remainder of the meeting in private session under Standing Order 10.37

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