

# Equality of Opportunity Committee

## Minutes EOC(3)-13-09

**Date:** Tuesday 13 October 2009

**Time:** 9.00 - 10.15 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  
Catherine Hunt, Deputy Clerk

### Others in Attendance

Brian Gibbons AM, Minister for Social Justice and Local Government  
Heulwen Blackmore, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Division, Welsh Assembly Government  
Del Burton, Diversity & Inclusion Division, 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: Scrutiny of the Draft Budget - Evidence from the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government

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- 2.1 The Minister and his officials responded to questions from the Committee.
- 2.2 The Minister agreed to provide additional information as requested by the Committee.

### Action

The Minister agreed to provide information to the Committee on the criteria for assessing the outcomes of equality grants, including some examples of project evaluations, and on the Gypsy Traveller New Sites Refurbishment Grant.

The Minister agreed to provide the Committee with copies of the 6 monthly reviews of departmental action plans under the Welsh Assembly Government's Single Equality Scheme.

The Chair would write to the Deputy Minister for Social Services regarding any budgetary impact on the office of the Commissioner for Older People.

The Chair would write to the Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills to request information on how the Welsh Government's commitment to disabled children and young people will be met through the draft budget for 2010-11.

The Chair would write to Welsh Ministers regarding mainstreaming equality across portfolios during the Spending Review Evaluation Exercise.

### Item 3: Motion under Rule 10.37 of Standing Orders to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

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

### Item 4: Inquiry into Older People and Workplace Discrimination - Draft report

- 4.1 The Committee discussed the draft report and agreed that a slightly revised version be circulated for agreement.

### Committee Service