

## **COMMITTEE ON EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY EOC 01-02(p1)**

**Date:** Wednesday 30 January 2002  
**Time:** 9.30am  
**Venue:** Committee Room 3, National Assembly Building  
**Title:** Chairs Report - matters arising

### **Purpose**

1. To provide an update on matters arising from the Committee's last meeting on 28 November 2001.

### **Recommendation**

2. Members to note the contents of the report.

### ***Access Arrangements***

3. Access arrangements be discussed at a future meeting of the Business Partnership.

### ***Changes to the Asylum System***

4. The White Paper on the changes announced by the Home Secretary on asylum seekers will be published in the first two weeks of February. Copies will be circulated to Members.

### ***The Children's Society in Wales***

5. An official from the Welsh Office attended the Welsh Affairs Committee's oral evidence session with the Children's Society on 18 December 2001, and Ian Sparks, the Chief Executive of the Children's Society, gave evidence. Since the meeting, the Society is funding a consultant to assist the staff group in the preparation of a business plan and the Trustees have expressed a desire to explore the possibility of working in Wales until March 2003, subject to financial constraints.

### ***The launch of the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry Report***

6. Letter attached from the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning.

### ***Positive About Disability***

8. Letter attached from the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning.

*Access to Polling Stations*

9. The Disability Rights Commission funded report, 'Polls Apart' has been scheduled for the meeting on 6 March 2002 as Will Bee sent his apologies for this meeting. Arrangements are being made to invite Professor Sunderland, Chair of the Commission on Local Government Electoral Arrangements in Wales, and a representative of the Welsh Local Government Association to attend the meeting.

*Code of Practice on Public Appointments*

10. The Code will be available for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.