

# Agenda – Equality and Social Justice Committee

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Meeting Venue:

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Video Conference via Zoom

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Meeting date: 20 September 2021

Committee Clerk

Meeting time: 13.15

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## Private pre-meeting

(13.15 – 13.30)

### 1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(13.30)

### 2 Scrutiny session with the Minister for Social Justice

(13.30 – 15.00)

(Pages 1 – 19)

Jane Hutt MS, Minister for Social Justice

Claire Bennett – Director, Communities & Tackling Poverty

Jo Salway – Director, Social Partnership and Fair Work

## Break

(15.00 – 15.15)

### 3 Debt and the pandemic – Advice organisations

(15.15 – 16.00)

(Pages 20 – 53)

Gwennan Hardy, Senior Policy Officer, Citizens Advice Cymru

Peter Tutton, Head of Policy, Research and Public Affairs, StepChange

Jason Roberts, Debt Adviser, Speakeasy Law Centre



## **4 Papers to note**

(16.00 – 16.15)

### **4.1 Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee Fifth Senedd Legacy Report – March 2021**

(Pages 54 – 77)

### **4.2 Correspondence from the Auditor General for Wales to the Chair regarding the work of Audit Wales – 9 July 2021**

(Pages 78 – 79)

### **4.3 Correspondence from the Llywydd to the Chair regarding the committee timetable – 14 July 2021**

(Pages 80 – 82)

### **4.4 Correspondence from the Chair of the Finance Committee to all Committee Chairs regarding the Welsh Government draft budget – 16 July 2021**

(Pages 83 – 86)

### **4.5 Dwr Cymru Vulnerable Customer Workshop Report – 25 March 2021**

(Pages 87 – 94)

### **4.6 Correspondence from Gwenith Price, Deputy Welsh Language Commissioner to the Chair regarding considering the Welsh language in the Committee's work – 19 July 2021**

(Pages 95 – 96)

### **4.7 Correspondence from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee to Committee Chairs regarding priorities for the Sixth Senedd – 20 July 2021**

(Pages 97 – 98)

### **4.8 Correspondence from Director of RNIB Cymru to Committee Members regarding RNIB's latest research into the voting experiences of blind and partially sighted people – 23 July 2021**

(Pages 99 – 125)

- 4.9 Correspondence from Victoria Winkler, Director, Bevan Foundation to the Chair regarding child poverty and protecting migrants' rights – 23 July 2021**  
(Pages 126 – 127)
- 4.10 Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to the Chair of the Work and Pensions Committee regarding universal credit uplift – 5 August 2021**  
(Pages 128 – 130)
- 4.11 Correspondence from Altaf Hussain MS to the Chair regarding the challenges that people with sight loss face daily in Wales – 11 August 2021**  
(Pages 131 – 133)
- 4.12 Correspondence from Pippa Cotterill, Head of Wales Office, Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists Wales to the Chair regarding speech, language and communication needs of young people in the youth justice estate – 1 September 2021**  
(Pages 134 – 135)
- 4.13 Correspondence from the Minister for Social Justice regarding the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan – 10 September 2021**  
(Pages 136 – 140)
- 5 Motion under SO17.42(ix) to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**  
(16.15)
- 6 Consideration of evidence – scrutiny session with the Minister for Social Justice**  
(16.15 – 16.30)
- 7 Consideration of evidence – debt advice organisations**  
(16.30 – 16.45)
- 8 Consideration of childcare and parental employment scoping paper**  
(16.45 – 17.00) (Pages 141 – 150)