

Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

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Meeting date: Monday, 1 November
2021

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Meeting time: 13.30 – 16.57

Remote

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jenny Rathbone MS (Chair) Jane Dodds MS Altaf Hussain MS Sarah Murphy MS Sioned Williams MS Ken Skates MS
Witnesses:	Professor Simon Hoffman, Swansea University Dr Sarah Nason, Lecturer in Law, Bangor Law School
Committee Staff:	Claire Fiddes (Second Clerk) Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk) Sam Mason (Legal Adviser) Rhys Morgan (Clerk)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and witnesses to the meeting of the Equality and Social Justice Committee.



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1.2 The Chair stated that if for any reason she dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Sarah Murphy MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

1.3 No apologies were received from Members.

2 Strengthening and advancing equality and human rights in Wales

2.1 Members received evidence related to equality and human rights.

3 Papers to note

3.1 Correspondence from the Chair of the Legislation and Justice Committee to the Chair regarding international agreements

3.1a Members noted the correspondence.

3.2 Correspondence from the Chair (Wales) of Consumer Council for Water to the Chair regarding the impact of the pandemic on levels of indebtedness

3.2a Members noted the correspondence.

3.3 Debt and the pandemic: written evidence from Community Housing Cymru

3.3a Members noted the additional written evidence.

4 Motion under SO17.42(ix) to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Strengthening and advancing equality and human rights in Wales – consideration of evidence

5.1 Members considered the evidence received under item 2.

6 Debt and the pandemic – consideration of draft report

6.1 Members discussed and considered the draft report and subject to minor changes, will agree the report electronically.

7 Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Bill – consideration of draft report

7.1 The Committee discussed and considered the draft report and LCM. Subject to minor changes, they will agree the report electronically.

8 Forward work programme

8a. Members discussed and considered the Committee's future work and also considered responses related to the well-being of future generations.

8.1 Forward work programme and strategic planning next steps

8.2 Delivering for Future Generations: the story so far – consideration of responses