

# Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

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Meeting Venue:

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Meeting date: Monday, 29 November  
2021

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Meeting time: 12.49 – 16.03

## Remote

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jenny Rathbone MS (Chair) Altaf Hussain MS Sarah Murphy MS Sioned Williams MS Ken Skates MS
Witnesses:	Ruth Coombs, Equality and Human Rights Commission Martyn Jones, EHRC Committee Learning Disability Wales Rachel Thomas, Children’s Commissioner for Wales Claire Bennett, Welsh Government Nicola Edwards, Welsh Government Julie Morgan MS, Deputy Minister for Social Services
Committee Staff:	Claire Fiddes (Second Clerk) Yan Thomas (Deputy 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.

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 Childcare and parental employment – evidence session**

2.1 Members received evidence relating to childcare and parental employment.

## **3 Motion under SO17.42(ix) to exclude the public from items 4, 7 and 8 of today's meeting**

3.1 The motion was agreed.

## **4 Childcare and parental employment – consideration of evidence**

4.1 Members considered the evidence received under item 2.

## **5 Childcare and parental employment – scrutiny session**

5.1 Members received evidence relating to childcare and parental employment.

## **6 Papers to note**

6.1 Correspondence from Jill Youds, Chair of the Pension Board to the Llywydd regarding Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Bill – 9 November 2021

6.1a Members noted the correspondence.

6.2 Additional information from the Covid and Childcare study – 12 November 2021

6.2a Members noted the additional information.

**6.3 Correspondence from the Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee regarding the childcare and parental employment inquiry – 22 November 2021**

6.3a Members noted the correspondence.

**7 Childcare and parental employment – consideration of evidence**

7.1 Members considered the evidence received under item 5.

**8 Forward work programme**

8.1 Members noted the forward work programme and agreed the terms of reference for the proposed inquiry.