

Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5

Meeting date: Monday, 30 January 2023

Meeting time: 14.30 – 17.00

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Hybrid

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:	Steffan Evans, Bevan Foundation Peter Tutton, StepChange Luke Young, Citizens Advice
Committee Staff:	Rhys Morgan (Clerk) Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) Angharad Roche (Deputy Clerk)

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

No apologies were received.



Under Standing Order 17.24A declarations of interest were made by Sarah Murphy MS and Jenny Rathbone MS.

2 Debt and the impact of the rising cost of living: evidence session one

Members heard evidence from:

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

Luke Young, Citizen's Advice – Assistant Director

Steffan Evans, Bevan Foundation – Policy and Research Officer

3 Papers to note

Members noted the papers.

- 3.1 Correspondence between the Chair and the Minister for Education and Welsh Language regarding the spotlight inquiry into the experiences of young people with speech, language and communication needs in the criminal justice system
- 3.2 Correspondence between the Chair and the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the North Wales Women Centre
- 3.3 Letter from the Minister for Social Justice regarding experiences of Women in the Criminal Justice System
- 3.4 Correspondence between the Chair and Safer Wales regarding Women's experience in the Criminal Justice System
- 3.5 Correspondence between the Chair and the Minister for Social Justice regarding racial disproportionality within the Welsh criminal justice system
- 3.6 Correspondence between the Chair and the Minister for Social Justice regarding the Draft Budget 2023–2024
- 3.7 Letter from the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership to the Chair regarding the Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Bill
- 3.8 Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership regarding the Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Bill
- 3.9 Letter from the Minister for Social Justice to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement: Safety, Security and Migration Inter–ministerial Group
- 3.10 Letter from the Minister for Social Justice to the Future Generations Commissioner regarding the Welsh Government's response to the section 20 review by the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

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

Members agreed the motion.

5 Debt and the impact of the rising cost of living: consideration of evidence

Members considered the evidence received during the session.

6 Draft Budget 2023–24: consideration of draft report

Members considered the draft report and agreed to finalise it outside of Committee.

7 Letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee regarding an Inquiry into Public Appointments: consideration of draft response

Members considered the draft response and agreed to finalise it outside of Committee.

8 EU Settlement Scheme: monitoring report

It was agreed that this item would be considered at the next Committee meeting.