

Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5

Meeting date: Monday, 27 February 2023

Meeting time: 11.00 – 17.16

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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 Jane Hutt MS
Witnesses:	Paul Neave, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Rhys Morgan, Clerk Rachael Davies, Clerk Angharad Roche, Deputy Clerk Gareth Thomas, Research

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

There were no apologies received or substitutions made.

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

2 Debt and the cost of living crisis: evidence session four

Members heard evidence from Susan Lloyd–Selby, Network Lead Wales at the Trussell Trust.

3 Debt and the cost of living: Ministerial evidence session with the Minister for Social Justice

Members heard evidence from:

Jane Hutt, MS, Minister for Social Justice

Paul Neave, Head of Social Welfare, Advice and Department for Work & Pensions Policy

4 Papers to note

Members noted the papers.

4.1 Correspondence from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding agreement between the UK and Italy on the mutual recognition of driving licences for the purposes of exchange

4.2 Correspondence between the First Minister, Trefnydd and the Finance Committee regarding the scrutiny of the financial implications of Bills

5 Motion under SO17.42 (vi) and (ix) to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting and for the duration of the Committee's meeting on 6 March

Members agreed the motion.

6 Debt and the cost of living: consideration of evidence

Members considered the evidence received.

7 International responses to cost of living pressures

Members considered a paper regarding international responses to cost of living pressures.

8 Women's experiences in the criminal justice system: consideration of draft report

Members considered and agreed the draft report, subject to minor amendments.

9 Experiences of young people with speech, language and communication needs in the criminal justice system: consideration of key issues

Members considered the key issues highlighted in the inquiry concerning the experiences of young people with speech, language and communication needs in the criminal justice system and agreed to consider a draft report at a future meeting.

10 Preventing gender-based violence: Engagement approach paper

Members considered and agreed the engagement approach paper.