

Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 (Hybrid)

Meeting date: Monday, 25 September
2023

Meeting time: 13:00 – 17.00

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jenny Rathbone MS (Chair) Jane Dodds MS Altaf Hussain MS Sioned Williams MS Ken Skates MS Jayne Bryant MS
Witnesses:	Rocio Cifuentes, Children's Commissioner for Wales Rhian Croke, Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales Dr Rod Hick, Cardiff University Sean O'Neill, Children in Wales Dr Victoria Winckler, Bevan Foundation Chris Birt, The Joseph Rowntree Foundation Ally Dunhill, Eurochild Mari Rege, University of Stavanger



Committee Staff:	Rhys Morgan (Clerk) Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) Evan Jones (Secretariat)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Sarah Murphy.

Jane Bryant, Chair of the Young People, Children and Education Committee joined the Committee for today's session.

No declarations of interest were made.

2 Inquiry into the Welsh Government's Draft Child Poverty Strategy: evidence session 1 (13:00–14:15)

Members heard evidence from:

Ally Dunhill, Eurochild

Mari Rege, University of Stavanger

Chris Birt, The Joseph Rowntree Foundation

3 Inquiry into the Welsh Government's Draft Child Poverty Strategy: evidence session 2

Members heard evidence from:

Victoria Winckler, Bevan Foundation

Sean O'Neill, Children in Wales

Dr Rod Hick, Cardiff University

4 Inquiry into the Welsh Government's Draft Child Poverty Strategy: evidence session 3

Members heard evidence from:

Rocio Cifuentes, Children's Commissioner for Wales

Dr Rhian Croke, Children's Legal Centre, Swansea University

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 2 October 2023

Members agreed the motion.

6 Inquiry into the Welsh Government's Draft Child Poverty Strategy: consideration of evidence

Members considered the evidence.