

Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 (Hybrid)

Meeting date: Monday, 16 September
2024

Meeting time: 13.30 – 17.00

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jenny Rathbone MS (Chair) Joel James MS Julie Morgan MS Carolyn Thomas MS Sioned Williams MS
Witnesses:	Professor Simon Hoffman, Swansea University Dr Sarah Nason, Lecturer in Law, Bangor Law School Charles Whitmore, Cardiff University Miranda Biddle, Independent Monitoring Authority for Citizens' Rights Agreements (IMA) Rhys Davies, Independent Monitoring Authority for Citizens' Rights Agreements (IMA) Victoria Peregrine, Independent Monitoring Authority for Citizens' Rights Agreements (IMA)
Committee Staff:	Rhys Morgan (Clerk) Mared Llwyd (Second Clerk)



	Angharad Roche (Deputy Clerk) Sara Moran (Researcher) Claire Thomas (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Jane Dodds, MS.

A declaration of interest was made by Sioned Williams who noted that she is the chair of the Senedd's cross-party group on human rights.

2 Equality and Human Rights in Wales: Evidence session one

Members heard evidence from:

Professor Simon Hoffman, Swansea University

Charles Whitmore, Research Associate, Cardiff University

Dr Sarah Nason, Bangor University

3 The EU Settlement Scheme and citizen's rights after Brexit: Evidence session three

Members heard evidence from:

Miranda Biddle, Chief Executive, Independent Monitoring Authority for Citizens' Rights Agreements

Rhys Davies, General Counsel, Independent Monitoring Authority for Citizens' Rights Agreements

Victoria Peregrine, Deputy Director of Operational Delivery, Independent Monitoring Authority for Citizens' Rights Agreements

4 Papers to note

Members noted the papers.

- 4.1 Correspondence from Finance Committee to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Cabinet Office: Welsh Government Budget Timetable 2025–26
- 4.2 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning regarding the report of the Equality and Social Justice Committee – Sounding the Alarm – the Governance of Fire and Rescue Services
- 4.3 Correspondence from Equality and Human Rights Commission regarding consultation on their Strategic Plan 2025–28 – 17 July 2024
- 4.4 Correspondence from Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee regarding Petition P–06–1387 Provide humanitarian aid to Gaza – 22 July 2024
- 4.5 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip in relation to the pre–appointment hearing report – Older People's Commissioner for Wales – 29 July 2024
- 4.6 Correspondence from Early Years Wales regarding the report of the Equality and Social Justice Committee – Their Future: Our Priority? Follow up inquiry into childcare provision in Wales – 31 July 2024
- 4.7 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip following up from the general scrutiny session – 28 August 2024
- 4.8 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip regarding Speech and Language Communication Needs Summit– 31 August 2024
- 4.9 Written response by the Welsh Government regarding the Equality and Social Justice Committee report – Their Future: Our Priority? August 2024

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting

Members agreed the motion.

6 Equality and Human Rights: Consideration of evidence

Members considered the evidence.

7 Forward work programme

Members considered the forward work programme.