

Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 (Senedd)

Meeting date: Monday, 2 December 2024

Meeting time: 13.30 – 17.00

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jenny Rathbone MS (Chair) Jane Dodds MS Joel James MS Julie Morgan MS Sioned Williams MS
Witnesses:	Jonathan Cosson, Warm Wales Steffan Evans, Bevan Foundation Ben Saltmarsh, Secretariat, NEA Cymru Hannah Peeler, Policy & Funding Officer (Fuel Poverty), Care and Repair Cymru Fiona Cameron, British Gas Ross Kirwan, British Gas Mason Steed, Energy Savings Trust
Committee Staff:	Rhys Morgan (Clerk) Mared Llwyd (Second Clerk)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Mick Antoniw.

2 Fuel poverty in Wales: evidence session one

Members heard evidence from:

Jonathan Cosson, Chief Executive Officer, Warm Wales

Ben Saltmarsh, Head of Wales, National Energy Action Cymru

Steffan Evans, The Bevan Foundation

Hannah Peeler, Policy and Funding Officer

3 Fuel poverty in Wales: evidence session two

Members heard evidence from:

Mason Steed, Energy Savings Trust

Ross Kirwan, Head of Nest, Centrica

Fiona Cameron, Conduct, Risk and Consumer Vulnerability Director, Centrica

4 Papers to note

Members noted the papers.

- 4.1 Correspondence from Admiral Insurance: "Supporting Disabled Colleagues at Admiral: A Commitment to Inclusivity and Wellbeing"
- 4.2 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement and forthcoming Intergovernmental Meetings
- 4.3 Correspondence between the Chair and the Chief Executive and Clerk for the Senedd regarding information as part of the inquiry into the disability employment gap
- 4.4 Correspondence between the Chair and the Future Generations Commissioner regarding strengthening and advancing equality and Human Rights
- 4.5 Correspondence between the Chair and the Law Society regarding strengthening and advancing equality and Human Rights
- 4.6 Correspondence between the Chair and the Equality and Human Rights Commission regarding strengthening and advancing equality and Human Rights
- 4.7 Consultation responses: Fuel Poverty in Wales
- 5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(iv) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting

Members agreed the motion.

6 Fuel poverty in Wales: consideration of evidence

Members considered the evidence.

7 Forward work programme

Members considered and agreed the Forward Work Programme for the Spring term.

The Committee considered options for scrutiny of criminal justice matters and agreed to invite ministers to a future meeting for a scrutiny session.

The Committee agreed to work collaboratively with other interested committees on this topic.