

# Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 (Ty Hywel)

Meeting date: Monday, 9 June 2025

Meeting time: 13.30 – 15.30

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jenny Rathbone MS (Chair) Altaf Hussain MS Julie Morgan MS Sioned Williams MS
Committee Staff:	Rhys Morgan (Clerk) Mared Llwyd (Second Clerk) Angharad Roche (Deputy Clerk) Claire Thomas (Researcher)

### 1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Apologies were sent by Jane Dodds MS and Mick Antoniw MS. There were no substitutions. No declarations of interest were made.

### 2 Papers to note

Members noted the papers.

- 2.1 Correspondence from the Finance Committee to the Chair regarding the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2026–27 Engagement
- 2.2 Correspondence from Colin Murray to the Chair regarding Trans Rights
- 2.3 Correspondence from the Welsh Government's Gender Equality Team to the Chair regarding VAWDASV Research Network Wales
- 2.4 Correspondence from the Office of National Statistics to the Chair regarding new ways on which data is being collected in relation to women suffering from domestic abuse
- 2.5 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary, Trefnydd and Chief Whip to the Chair regarding the Post Legislative Scrutiny of the Well–Being of Future Generations Act
- 2.6 Correspondence from the Chair to the Petitions Committee regarding a petition seeking a fair deal for residents affected by the ARBED and CESP scheme
- 2.7 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip to the Chair regarding the Welsh Government response to the Committee's report on tackling Fuel Poverty in Wales
- 2.19 Correspondence from the Health and Social Care Committee to the Chair regarding the cancellation of scrutiny sessions concerning prisons and the Criminal Justice System in Wales
- 2.9 Correspondence from the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee to the Chair regarding the implementation of the Well–Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act
- 2.10 Correspondence from the Minister for Social Security and Disability to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip regarding the Equality and

**Social Justice Committee's recent report entitled "Anything's achievable with the right support: Tackling the Disability Employment Gap"**

**2.11 Correspondence from the Auditor General for Wales to the Chair regarding post legislative scrutiny of the Well-Being of Future Generations Act**

**2.12 Correspondence from Mark Isherwood, MS to the Chair regarding the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill**

**2.13 Correspondence from the Business Committee to the Chair providing a revised timetable for consideration: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Employment Rights Bill**

**2.14 Correspondence from Qualifications Wales to the Committee regarding post legislative scrutiny of the Well-Being of Future Generations Act**

**2.15 Correspondence from the Bevan Foundation to the Chair regarding a briefing on rebuilding the immigration legal sector**

**3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting**

Members agreed the motion.

**4 Social cohesion: key issues paper**

Members considered the key issues paper.

**5 The EU Settlement Scheme: consideration of draft report**

Members considered both the draft report and letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip. It was agreed to await a response from the Cabinet Secretary before finalising the EU Settlement Scheme monitoring report.

## **6 Forward work plan**

Members agreed the Forward Work Programme.