

Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Ystafell Bwyllgora 3 (Senedd)

Meeting date: Monday, 28 April 2025

Meeting time: 11.30 – 16.04

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jenny Rathbone MS (Chair) Mick Antoniw MS Jane Dodds MS Julie Morgan MS Heledd Fychan MS
Witnesses:	Joe Rossiter, Institute of Welsh Affairs Dr Anwen Elias, Aberystwyth University Misbah Malik, Hope Not Hate Professor Matt Ryan, University of Southampton Mary Ann Brocklesby, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)
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 received from Altaf Hussain and Sioned Williams. Heledd Fychan attended as a substitute for Sioned Williams.

Apologies were received from Mick Antoniw for items 1 and 2 on the agenda.

No declarations of interest were made.

2 Social cohesion: evidence session five

Members heard evidence from:

Joe Rossiter, Co-Director, Institute of Welsh Affairs

Dr. Anwen Elias, Reader in politics, Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University

Professor Matt Ryan, Southampton University

3 Social cohesion: evidence session six

Members heard evidence from Misbah Malik, Senior Policy and Engagement Officer, Hope Not Hate

4 Social cohesion: evidence session seven

Members heard evidence from Councillor MaryAnn Brockelsby, Leader of Monmouthshire Council and WLGA Social Justice Spokesperson

5 Papers to note

Members noted the papers.

- 5.1 Correspondence to the Chair from Professor Rod Hicks regarding Child Poverty
- 5.2 Correspondence to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip from Pippa Cotterill of the Royal College Speech and Language Therapists Wales
- 5.3 Correspondence to the Chair from the Petitions Committee regarding residents affected by the Arbed and CESP schemes
- 5.4 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip to the Chair regarding the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill LCM
- 5.5 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip to the Legislation, Justice and the Constitution Committee regarding the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill LCM
- 5.6 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip to the Legislation, Justice and the Constitution Committee regarding Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Forthcoming Governmental Meetings
- 5.7 Correspondence from the Northern Irish Committee to the Chair regarding proposed UK Welfare Reforms
- 5.8 Correspondence from Disability Wales to the Chair regarding UK Government welfare reforms
- 5.9 Correspondence from the Chair of the Senedd Cross Party Group on Disability regarding the UK Government's welfare reforms
- 6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) a (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting

Members agreed the motion.

7 Social cohesion: consideration of evidence

Members considered the evidence.

8 Forward work programme

Members agreed the Forward Work Programme for the remainder of the Summer Term.

9 Legislative Consent Measure: Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill – consideration of draft report

Members agreed the draft report.

10 Welfare reform

Members considered the briefing paper on Welfare Reform.