

Agenda – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 (Ty Hywel)

Meeting date: 22 September 2025

Meeting time: 11:00 – 17:00

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**** In addition to the breaks published on the agenda there will also be periodic comfort breaks, called by the Chair ****

Pre– meeting

(10:30–11:00)

Public session

(11:00 – 16:45)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(11:00)

2 Stage one scrutiny of the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill: evidence session two

(11:00–12:15)

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Polly Winn, RNID

Sarah Thomas, Centre of Sign Sight Sound

Lunch break

(12:15– 13:25)



**3 Stage one scrutiny of the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill:
evidence session three**

(13:25–15:00)

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Tom Lichy, British Deaf Association

Martin Griffiths, British Deaf Association

Cath Booth, Wales Council for Deaf People

Charles Hampton, Wales Council for Deaf People

Break

(15:00–15:15)

**4 Stage one scrutiny of the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill:
evidence session four**

(15:15–16:30)

Jemina Napier, Herriot–Watt University

Biao Zeng, University of South Wales

5 Papers to note

(16:30)

- 5.1 Correspondence from the Children's Legal Centre Wales to the Chair regarding Deprivation of Liberty Orders for children and “If Not Now, Then When? Radical Reform for Care–Experienced Children and Young People” Inquiry recommendations

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- 5.2 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Education to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and the Constitution Committee regarding the Memorandum of Understanding Welsh Ministers and HM Prison and Probation Service

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

(16:30)

Private session

(16:30 – 17:00)

**7 Stage one scrutiny of the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill:
consideration of the evidence**

(16:30–16:35)

8 Social Cohesion: consideration of draft report

(16:35 – 17:00)

(To Follow)