

Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 (Ty Hywel)

Meeting date: Monday, 29 September
2025

Meeting time: 11.00 – 15.50

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Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Members of the Senedd: | Jenny Rathbone MS (Chair) Mick Antoniw MS Jane Dodds MS Altaf Hussain MS Julie Morgan MS Sioned Williams MS |
| Witnesses: | Rocio Cifuentes, Children's Commissioner for Wales Dr Kate Attfield, Cardiff Metropolitan University Kieran Sawdon, National Deaf Children's Society Dr Rob Wilks, University of the West of England (UWE) Jamie Martin, National Deaf Children's Society |
| Committee Staff: | Rhys Morgan (Clerk) Angharad Roche (Deputy Clerk) Masudah Ali Gwennan Hardy |



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed Members and witnesses to the meeting.

No apologies, substitutions or declarations of interest were given.

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

Kieran Sawdon, National Deaf Children's Society

Jamie Martin, National Deaf Children's Society

Rocio Cifuentes, Children's Commissioner

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

Members heard evidence from:

Dr Kate Attfield, Cardiff Metropolitan University

Dr Rob Wilks, University of the West of England

4 Papers to note

Members noted the papers.

4.1 Correspondence from the First Minister of Wales to the Llywydd regarding Committee recommendations

4.2 Correspondence from the Llywydd to the Chair regarding Committee effectiveness

5 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.

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

Members considered the evidence.

7 Reviewing Committee Effectiveness in the 6th Senedd: consideration of response

Members considered a response to the review on Committee effectiveness in the 6th Senedd.