

Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 (Ty Hywel)

Meeting date: Monday, 13 October 2025

Meeting time: 13.30 – 17.05

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jenny Rathbone MS (Chair) Mick Antoniw MS Jane Dodds MS Altaf Hussain MS Julie Morgan MS Sioned Williams MS
Witnesses:	Sarah Capstick, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Ash Lister, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Cathryn Morgan, Ceredigion County Council Lee Wenham, City and County of Swansea Council Amira Evans, Welsh Government Jane Peffers, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Rhys Morgan (Clerk) Angharad Roche (Deputy Clerk) Gwennan Hardy (Research Service)



At its meeting on 6 October, the Committee resolved to exclude the public from item 1 of its meeting on 13 October 2025

1 Forward work programme – consideration of upcoming streams of work

During this private item Members discussed the forward work programme and considered the format that they would like the Committee's legacy report to take.

2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed Members and witnesses to the meeting.

Mick Antoniw MS gave apologies for item 8 on the agenda.

No substitutions or declarations of interest were made.

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

Members heard evidence from:

Councillor Ash Lister, Welsh Local Government Association

Sarah Capstick, Welsh Local Government Association

Lee Wenham, Swansea Council

Cathryn Morgan, Ceredigion County Council

4 Papers to note

Members noted the papers.

- 4.1 "Long-term national strategy, designing a contemporary practice" – an article from the Heywood Foundation**
- 4.2 Stage one scrutiny of the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill – consultation responses**
- 4.3 Correspondence to the Cabinet Secretary for Social justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip from the Minister of State for Policing and Crime Prevention regarding the use of Tasers on children**
- 5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 6 and 7 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 draft response.

- 8 Stage one scrutiny of the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill: evidence session ten**

Members heard evidence from:

Jane Hutt, MS, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip

Amira Evans, Head of Equalities, Welsh Government

Jane Peffers, Head of British Sign Language Policy, Welsh Government