

# Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 (Ty Hywel)

Meeting date: Monday, 24 November  
2025

Meeting time: 11.00 – 13.07

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jenny Rathbone MS (Chair) Mick Antoniw MS Altaf Hussain MS Julie Morgan MS Sioned Williams MS Jane Dodds MS
Witnesses:	Jane Hutt MS, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip Lorna Hall, Welsh Government Andrew Charles, Welsh Government Amelia John, Welsh Government Ian Jones, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Rhys Morgan (Clerk) Angharad Roche (Deputy Clerk) Claire Thomas (Researcher) Gareth David Thomas (Researcher)



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

The Chair welcomed Members, the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip and her officials to the meeting.

There were no apologies, substitutions or declarations of interest made.

## **2 Draft Budget 2026–27: evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice**

Members heard evidence from:

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

Amelia John, Director, Communities & Social Justice, Welsh Government

Andrew Charles, Deputy Director, Cohesive Communities, Welsh Government

Lorna Hall, Deputy Director, Equality & Human Rights, Welsh Government

Ian Jones, Deputy Director, Poverty & Children's Evidence and Support, Welsh Government

## **3 Papers to note**

Members noted the papers.

- 3.1 Correspondence to the Chair from Lord Timpson, Minister for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Reoffending regarding Welsh Disaggregated Data Update**
- 3.2 Correspondence to the Chair from Philipa Hughes of 38.6 Solutions Limited regarding residential placements for mothers and their children as an alternative to custody**
- 3.3 Correspondence to the Chair from Jannat Ahmed regarding inadequate funding available to Welsh publishers**
- 3.4 Correspondence to the Chair from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government regarding reform of Fire and Rescue Authorities in Wales**
- 3.5 Correspondence to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and the Constitution Committee from the Deputy First Minister regarding the Inter – Ministerial Standing Committee**
- 4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of today's meeting**

Members agreed the motion.

## **5 Draft Budget 2026–27: consideration of evidence**

Members considered the evidence.

## **6 British Sign Language Bill: second consideration of draft report**

Members agreed the draft report.