

Agenda – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 (Senedd)

Meeting date: 2 March 2026

Meeting time: 10.00

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Pre-meet

(09:30–10:00)

Public meeting

(10:00–12:05)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(10:00)

2 Access to healthy, nutritious and affordable food: evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip

(10:00–10:30)

(Pages 1 – 21)

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

Claire Germain, Deputy Director, Tackling Poverty & Supporting Families,
Welsh Government

Keith Smyton, Deputy Director, Food, Welsh Government

Break

(10:30–10:35)

3 General Ministerial scrutiny: session with the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip

(10:35 –12:05)

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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

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

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

Mike Connolly, Deputy Director, Community Safety Division, Welsh Government

4 Papers to note

(12:05)

4.1 Correspondence to the Chair from Cadoxton Primary School regarding "Ready, Steady, Cook – Family Healthy Cooking Programme"

(Pages 79 – 81)

4.2 Correspondence to the Chair from NHS Wales Dieticians regarding the Access to healthy, nutritious and affordable food inquiry

(Pages 82 – 83)

4.3 Correspondence to the Chair from Colegau Cymru regarding Welsh Colleges new approach to recognising prior learning

(Pages 84 – 85)

4.4 Correspondence to the Chair from Fishguard Bay Sustainable Food regarding the access to healthy, nutritious and affordable food inquiry

(Pages 86 – 90)

4.5 Correspondence to the Chair from Michelle Crotty of the Judicial Office regarding experiences of the Criminal Justice System

(Pages 91 – 93)

4.6 Correspondence to the Chair from the Magistrates Association regarding the increase in women in Wales remanded in custody by magistrates' courts

(Pages 94 – 98)

4.7 Correspondence to the Chair from the Future Generations Commissioner regarding the Welsh Government's response to the recommendations of the Future Generations Report 2025

(Pages 99 – 101)

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of today's meeting

(12:05)

Private meeting

(12:05–12:20)

6 Access to healthy, nutritious and affordable food: evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip – consideration of the evidence

(12:05–12:10)

7 General Ministerial scrutiny session with the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip – consideration of the evidence

(12:10–12:20)