

# Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Wednesday, 19 November 2014**

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Meeting time: **09.00 – 12.20**

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## Concise Minutes:

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### Assembly Members:

**Christine Chapman AM (Chair)**  
**Peter Black AM**  
**Alun Davies AM**  
**Jocelyn Davies AM**  
**Janet Finch–Saunders AM**  
**Mike Hedges AM**  
**Mark Isherwood AM**  
**Gwyn R Price AM**  
**Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM**

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### Witnesses:

**Mary Powell–Chandler, Save the Children**  
**Dr Sam Clutton, Children’s Commissioner for Wales office**  
**Catriona Williams, Chief Executive, Children in Wales**  
**Miriam Merkova, Service Manager, Women’s Turnaround Service, Changing Lives**  
**Christine O’Byrne, Chwarae Teg**  
**Natasha Davies, Policy Partner, Chwarae Teg**  
**Tony Graham, Foodbank Network Manager (Wales), Foodbank Network Manager (Wales)**  
**Adrian Curtis, UK Director, The Trussell Trust**

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Sarah Beasley (Clerk)  
Leanne Hatcher (Deputy Clerk)  
Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk)  
Matthew Richards (Legal Adviser)  
Hannah Johnson (Researcher)

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## TRANSCRIPT

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### **1 Consideration of the Legislative Consent Memorandum – Modern Slavery Bill**

1.1 The Committee considered the Legislative Consent Memorandum – Modern Slavery Bill.

### **2 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

2.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting

2.2 Apologies for absence were received from Gwenda Thomas AM. There was no substitute.

### **3 Inquiry into Poverty in Wales (Strand 1) – evidence session 4: Children's organisations**

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Mary Powell–Chandler, Save the Children
- Dr Sam Clutton, Barnardo's Cymru on behalf of End Child Poverty Network (ECPN)
- Catriona Williams, Children in Wales End Child Poverty Network Cymru and Commissioner on the UK Social Mobility Child.

3.2 Catriona Williams agreed to provide the following:

- examples of work from the UK Social Mobility Child Poverty Commission on areas in relation to child poverty, including the living wage.
- a copy of the report on the working realities of people who have gone to Assembly Member and MP surgeries, which includes issues such as shift patterns, childcare and pay progression.

### **4 Inquiry into Poverty in Wales (Strand 1) – evidence session 5: Women's organisations**

4.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Miriam Merkova, Changing Lives
- Natasha Davies, Chwarae Teg
- Christine O’Byrne, Chwarae Teg.

4.2 Chwarae Teg agreed to provide the figures of the number of women affected by their Agile Nation project, including for the south east region.

## **5 Inquiry into Poverty in Wales (Strand 1) – evidence session 6: The Trussell Trust**

5.1 The Committee received evidence from Tony Graham and Adrian Curtis, The Trussell Trust.

5.2 The Trussell Trust agreed to provide a copy of their report on the devolution of the welfare system.

## **6 Papers to note**

6.1 The Committee noted the papers.

## **7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and from item 1 of the meeting on 3 December 2014 (further consideration of the LCM for the Modern Slavery Bill)**

7.1 The Committee agreed the motion to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.

## **8 Inquiry into Poverty in Wales (Strand 1): discussion of evidence received in sessions 4, 5 and 6**

8.1 The Committee discussed the evidence.