

Cross-Party Group Annual Report

1 June 2015

JUSTICE UNIONS CROSS-PARTY GROUP

1. Group membership and office holders

Julie Morgan AM, Chair

Mike Antoniw AM

Chris Chapman AM

Jeff Cuthbert AM

Mike Hedges AM

Julie James AM

Bethan Jenkis AM

Jenny Rathbone AM

Aled Roberts AM

Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM

Joyce Watson AM

Leanne Wood AM

Lindsay Whittle AM

Tracey Worth, Napo, Secretary

Kay Powell, Law Society

Stuart Arrowsmith, Napo

Jane Foulner, Napo

Rob Thomas, Napo

John Hancock, POA

Emily Cannon, UNISON

Glyn Jones, UNISON

Huw Price, UNISON

Rob Robbins, UNISON

2. Previous Group Meetings

Meeting 1 (Inaugural AGM)

Meeting date: 6 May 2014

Attendees: Julie Morgan AM

Julie James AM
Mike Hedges AM
Joyce Watson AM
David Rees AM
Mike Antoniw AM
Leanne Wood AM
Bethan Jenkins AM
Jenny Rathbone AM
Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM
Aled Roberts AM, Sian Mile (AM support)
Neil Woollard (AM support)
Anne Smyth (AM support)
Helen Cunningham (AM support)
Tracey Worth (Napo)
Rob Thomas (Napo)
Tom Rendon (Napo)
Jane Foulner (Napo)
Jo Stevens (Thompsons solicitors)
Glyn Jones (Unison)

Summary of issues discussed: Speaker, Tom Rendon, National Chair of Napo. Update on the privatisation of the Probation Service (Transforming Rehabilitation) with specific focus on Wales; bidders the and issue of rurality; concerns with Payment by Results (PbR) mechanism and issues with private companies with limited experience of working within the Criminal Justice System taking on huge MoJ contracts.

Meeting 2

Meeting date: 22 October 2014

Attendees: Julie Morgan AM

Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM
Joyce Watson AM
Helen Cunningham (Jenny Rathbone AM support)
Alex Still (Jeff Cuthbert AM support)
Sian Mile (AM support), Robert James (AM support)
Tracey Worth (Napo)
Jane Foulner (Napo)
Rob Thomas (Napo)

Kay Powell (Law Society)
Richard Miller (Law Society)
John Hancock (POA)
Rob Robbins (Unison)
Emily Cannon (Unison)

Summary of issues discussed: Speaker, Richard Miller, Head of Legal Aid England and Wales. Legal Aid cuts; breakdown of Wales into six geographically vast procurement areas making the provision of legal representation difficult in more rural areas; for example; lack of feasibility of MoJ suggestion that rural legal firms submit a joined-up bid.

Meeting 3

Meeting date: 4 March 2015

Attendees: Julie Morgan AM

Leanne Wood AM
Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM
Aled Roberts AM
Mike Hedges AM
Colin Paltry (Lindsay Whittle AM support)
Vicki Evans (Chris Chapman AM support)
Sian Mile (Julie Morgan AM support)
Robert Jones Cardiff University
Tracey Worth (Napo)
Jane Foulner (Napo)
Emily Cannon (UNISON)
Huw Price (UNISON)
Kay Powell (Law Society)
John Hancock (POA)

Summary of issues discussed: Speaker, John Hancock, POA NEC Representative. Situation in prisons in Wales; POA members concerns and issues; cuts and redundancies, prison staffing crisis; impact on prison population; rise in violence and suicides in prisons; outsourcing and privatisation.

Annual Financial Statement

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Justice Unions Cross-Party Group

Julie Morgan AM, Chair

Tracey Worth (Napo), Secretary

Group's Expenses	None.	£0.00
Cost of all goods.	No goods purchased.	£0.00
Benefits received by the group or individual Members from outside bodies.	No benefits received.	£0.00
Any secretarial or other support.	No financial support received.	£0.00
Services provided to the Group such as hospitality		
Date	Description and name of provider	Cost
6 May 2014	Buffet lunch provided/paid for by Napo Cymru	£212.52
22 October 2014	Buffet lunch provided/paid for by The Law Society	££212.52
4 March 2015	Buffet lunch provided/paid for by the POA	£212.52