

CPG on Women Preliminary Meeting 27/06/2018

Attendees:

Jane Hutt AM

Siân Gwenllian AM

Angela Burns AM

Catherine Fookes (WEN)

Amelia Lane (WEN)

Eleri Cubbage (AMSS)

Isabelle Michelson (AMSS)

Discussion of CPG name and purpose.

Initially proposed name:

Cross Party Group on Women

Agreed name:

Cross Party Group on Women

Initially proposed purpose:

“Foster cross party engagement on issues that affect women in Wales”

Agreed purpose:

“To promote cross party action to achieve equality for women in Wales”

Roles in the CPG

Agreed Chair:

Siân Gwenllian AM and Jane Hutt AM

Agreed Secretariat:

Women’s Equality Network (WEN) – hilary@wenwales.org.uk

Assembly members of the CPG on Women:

Angela Burns AM

Sian Davies AM

Siân Gwenllian AM

Jane Hutt AM

Lynne Neagle AM

Division of Labour

WEN - hilary@wenwales.org.uk

WEN will act as Secretariat in future meetings. WEN will also provide agendas (in consultation with the Chairs) and invites to future meetings and events.

Isabelle Michelson - isabelle.michelson@assembly.wales

As Jane Hutt AM's contact for the organisation of CPG on Women, Isabelle will manage the internal Assembly side, for example circulating invites provided by WEN to the Assembly, booking rooms in the Assembly, etc.

Future Meetings

Developing Agendas

Consult AMs as to what they want on the Agenda. Jane Hutt and Siân Gwenllian to consult AMs via letter.

Ensure the agenda is up to date with current affairs

WEN to liaise with Isabelle Michelson on the development of agendas

Agenda Ideas

Barriers to women returning to work after maternity

Response to respect and dignity

Julie James gender review report

WEN manifesto

Vaginal mesh survivors

Period dignity

Menopause group (Dawn Bowden AM)

Timings:

Women AMs to be consulted as to the best time to hold future meetings to ensure maximum attendance. Perhaps to be included in Sian Gwenllian AM and Jane Hutt AM's letter?

Suggestions of Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday lunchtimes.

Aim to meet three or four times before Christmas, Thursday July 12th meeting to be the last this session.

Invitations

Women AMs as a priority – consensus that this group should have an emphasis on AM involvement.

BAME NGOs as a priority – due to no BAME women AMs being elected

NGO invitations to be managed by WEN.

Next meeting – Thursday 12th July 12.30-13.30, Conference Room C and D

Agenda:

Prof Laura McAllister to speak

Guest List:

WEN to provide NGO/external guest list for approval. Priority of BAME women's organisations as there are no BAME women AMs.

Invitation specifically for Vice Presiding Officer Ann Jones and Presiding Officer Elin Jones.

Priority of getting women AMs to attend

Invitations

WEN to provide invitations and circulate among NGOs, Isabelle to circulate invitation within the Assembly.

Action points:

WEN

To provide list of NGOs to invite, with priority of BAME women's organisations.

To provide invites for next meeting.

To act as Secretariat next meeting.

Jane Hutt AM and Siân Gwenllian AM

To consult AMs about future agendas for CPG on Women meetings, and the best time to hold future CPG on Women meetings. Perhaps by letter?

Isabelle Michelson

To circulate invitations in the Assembly, and manage the Assembly organisation, of the next meeting.