

Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 24 January 2022

Meeting time: 13. – 16.30

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jenny Rathbone MS (Chair) Jane Dodds MS Altaf Hussain MS Sarah Murphy MS Sioned Williams MS Ken Skates MS
Witnesses:	Claire Bennett, Welsh Government Sian Gill, Head of Financial Reporting,, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Rhys Morgan (Clerk) Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) Angharad Roche (Deputy Clerk)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Equality and Social Justice Committee.



The Chair stated that if for any reason she dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Sarah Murphy MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

No apologies were received.

2 Draft Budget 2022–23: scrutiny session with the Minister for Social Justice

Members held a scrutiny session with the Minister for Social Justice and Welsh Government Officials.

3 Papers to note

3.1 Correspondence from the Minister for Social Justice regarding European Union Settlement Scheme – 26 November 2021

Members noted the correspondence.

3.2 Correspondence from the Children's Commissioner for Wales regarding Budget scrutiny 2022–23 – 14 January 2022

Members noted the correspondence.

3.3 Children's Commissioner for Wales Budget estimate 2022–23 – 14 January 2022

Members noted the correspondence.

3.4 Correspondence to the Minister for Social Justice regarding women's residential centres – 21 December

Members noted the correspondence.

3.5 Correspondence from the Minister for Social Justice regarding the creation of a women's residential centre – 18 January

Members noted the correspondence.

3.6 Correspondence to the First Minister regarding data justice – 21 December

Members noted the correspondence.

3.7 Correspondence from the First Minister regarding data justice – 18 January

Members noted the correspondence.

3.8 Correspondence from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding the Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement – 21 December 2021

Members noted the correspondence.

4 Motion under SO17.42 (iv) and (ix) to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting

The motion was agreed.

5 Draft Budget 2022–23: consideration of evidence

Members considered the evidence received under item 2 and agreed to consider its draft report outside of Committee.

6 EU Settlement Scheme monitoring

The Committee agreed to publish this and future monitoring reports to demonstrate the Committee's monitoring of this issue.

The Committee agreed to share the published report with the Independent Monitoring Authority.

The Committee agreed to request the Welsh Government's latest assessment of the EUSS in Wales.

The Committee agreed to write to MPs to see what casework they have that is linked to the EUSS.

7 Committee timetable review: consideration of draft response to the Llywydd

Members considered the draft response to the Llywydd and agreed to finalise it outside of Committee.