

# Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 (Senedd)

Meeting date: Monday, 11 November  
2024

Meeting time: 13.30 – 17.00

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jenny Rathbone MS (Chair) Mick Antoniw MS Jane Dodds MS Joel James MS Julie Morgan MS Sioned Williams MS
Witnesses:	Rhianydd Williams, TUC Wales Angharad Dean Isabel Linton, Fair Treatment for the Women of Wales Dee Montague-Coast, Fair Treatment for the Women of Wales Rosie Cribb, Social Firms Wales Richard Wellfoot, Merthyr Institute for the Blind
Committee Staff:	Rhys Morgan (Clerk) Mared Llwyd (Second Clerk) Angharad Roche (Deputy Clerk)



## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

Apologies were received from Julie Morgan who had to leave the meeting at item 4.

## **2 Disability and Employment: evidence session 11**

Members heard evidence from Rhianydd Williams, Equality and Policy Officer, Wales TUC.

## **3 Disability and Employment: evidence session 12**

Members heard evidence from:

Angharad Dean

Dee Montague – Coast, Fair Treatment for the Women of Wales

Isabel Linton, Fair Treatment for the Women of Wales

## **4 Disability and Employment: evidence session 13**

Members heard evidence from:

Rosie Cribb, Social Firms Wales

Richard Wellfoot, Merthyr Institute for the Blind

## **5 Papers to note**

Members noted the papers.

- 5.1 Correspondence between the Chair and the Ministry of Justice regarding Speech, Language and Communication Needs in the Youth Justice System**
- 5.2 Correspondence from Audit Wales regarding the Committee's follow-up inquiry into Fuel Poverty and the Warm Homes Programme**
- 5.3 Correspondence from the Independent Monitoring Authority regarding statements of changes to immigration rules and Wales specific legislation**
- 6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(iv) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting**

Members agreed the motion.

## **7 Disability and Employment: consideration of evidence**

Members considered the evidence.

Members agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary and ask for information as to when the Disability Task Force is going to publish its Action Plan and concern regarding the time its taken.

Members agreed to write to UK Minister regarding National Insurance contributions for charities and SMEs and the impact this could have on recruiting and supporting disabled people.