

Agenda – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 (Ty Hywel)

Meeting date: 24 November 2025

Meeting time: 11.00

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Pre-meeting

(10:30–11:00)

Public meeting

(11:00–12:30)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(11:00)

2 Draft Budget 2026–27: evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice

(11:00–12:30)

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Jane Hutt, MS, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip

Amelia John, Director, Communities & Social Justice, Welsh Government

Andrew Charles, Deputy Director, Cohesive Communities, Welsh Government

Lorna Hall, Deputy Director, Equality & Human Rights, Welsh Government

Ian Jones, Deputy Director, Poverty & Children's Evidence and Support, Welsh Government

3 Papers to note

(12:30)

3.1 Correspondence to the Chair from Lord Timpson, Minister for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Reoffending regarding Welsh Disaggregated Data Update

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- 3.2 Correspondence to the Chair from Philipa Hughes of 38.6 Solutions Limited regarding residential placements for mothers and their children as an alternative to custody**
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- 3.3 Correspondence to the Chair from Jannat Ahmed regarding inadequate funding available to Welsh publishers**
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- 3.4 Correspondence to the Chair from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government regarding reform of Fire and Rescue Authorities in Wales**
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- 3.5 Correspondence to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and the Constitution Committee from the Deputy First Minister regarding the Inter – Ministerial Standing Committee**
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- 4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of today's meeting**
(12:30)
- Private meeting**
(12:30–13:00)
- 5 Draft Budget 2026–27: consideration of evidence**
(12:30 – 12:45)
- 6 British Sign Language Bill: second consideration of draft report**
(12:45–13:00) (Pages 73 – 135)