

Agenda – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Remote meeting via Zoom

Meeting date: 16 March 2026

Meeting time: 13:30

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Pre-meeting

(13:00–13:30)

Public meeting

(13:30)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(13:30)

2 Papers to note

(13:30)

2.1 Correspondence from Audit Wales to the Finance Committee and the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee regarding challenges and opportunities for Welsh public services

(Pages 1 – 17)

2.2 Correspondence from Ian Barrow Executive Director of HM Prison and Probation Service in Wales and Community Accommodation Service to the Chair regarding cross-government datasets relating to prisoners and their children and families

(Pages 18 – 19)

2.3 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding a recent meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee

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- 2.4 Correspondence from the Equality and Human Rights Commission to the Chair regarding Wales Impact Reports**
(Pages 21 – 25)
- 2.5 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip to the Chair regarding the expansion of HMP Parc**
(Pages 26 – 30)
- 2.6 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales to the Chair regarding the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Armed Forces Bill**
(Pages 31 – 34)
- 3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of today's meeting**
(13:30)

Private meeting

(13:30– 15:00)

- 4 Briefing from Welsh Government officials regarding the Welsh Benefits Charter**
(13:30–14:15)

Claire Germain, Deputy Director Tackling Poverty and Supporting Families,
Welsh Government

David Willis, Head of Tackling Poverty, Welsh Government

Paul Neave, Head of Social Welfare, Advice and Department for Work and Pensions Policy, Welsh Government

5 Access to healthy, nutritious and affordable food: consideration of draft report

(14:15–14:45)

(To Follow)

6 Armed Forces Bill: consideration of draft report

(14:45 – 15:00)

(Pages 35 – 46)