

Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 (Senedd)

Meeting date: Monday, 22 January 2024

Meeting time: 13.30 – 16.00

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Hybrid

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:	Hannah Blythyn MS, Deputy Minister for Social Partnership Claire Germain, Welsh Government Jane Hutt MS, Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip Amelia John, Welsh Government Liz Lalley, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Rhys Morgan (Clerk) Angharad Roche (Deputy Clerk) Sara Moran (Researcher) Claire Thomas (Researcher) Gareth David Thomas (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Declarations of interest were made by Jenny Rathbone, Sarah Murphy and Sioned Williams as all three Members are subscribers to the Bevan Foundation.

Sioned Williams also declared an interest as a Trustee of the Pantry Food Bank in Pontardawe.

2 Papers to note

Members noted the papers.

2.1 Correspondence between the Chair and the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip regarding the European Union Settlement Scheme

2.2 Correspondence from Auditory Verbal UK to the Chair regarding improving hearing outcomes for deaf babies

3 Draft Budget 2024–25: Ministerial evidence session

Members questioned the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip on the Draft Budget 2024–2025.

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

Members agreed the motion.

5 Draft Budget 2024–25: consideration of evidence

Members considered the evidence and agreed to write to the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip seeking clarification and further information on a number of matters raised within the meeting.

6 EU Settlement Scheme: update on monitoring work

Members considered the update.

7 Forward work programme

Members considered the forward work programme.