

Agenda – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 (Senedd)

Meeting date: 26 February 2024

Meeting time: 11:00 – 17:00

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Pre-meeting registration (10:40 – 11:00)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(11:00)

2 Papers to note

(11:00)

2.1 Correspondence from the Chief Executive and Clerk of the Senedd to the Chair regarding the Committee's report on the public health approach to preventing gender-based violence

(Pages 1 – 2)

2.2 Correspondence from the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding the Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Safety, Security and Migration Inter-ministerial Group

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2.3 Correspondence between the Children, Young People and Education Committee and the Chair regarding the Committee's follow up inquiry on childcare

(Pages 4 – 8)



2.4 Correspondence from the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing to the Chair of the Health and Social Services Committee regarding Budget spending

(Pages 9 – 11)

2.5 Correspondence from the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip to the Chair regarding additional information on Anti Racist Wales Action Plan

(Pages 12 – 28)

2.6 Correspondence between the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip and the Chair regarding additional information on the Draft Budget 2024/2025

(Pages 29 – 36)

2.7 Correspondence from the Minister for Health and Social Services to the Chair regarding the launch of the consultation on amendments to the 'Putting Things Right' process

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2.8 Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding a meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee

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3 Governance of Fire and Rescue Services: evidence session with the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership and Chief Fire Adviser

(11:00–12:15)

(Pages 39 – 68)

Hannah Blythyn, MS, Deputy Minister for Social Partnership

Dan Stephens, Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser and Inspector for Wales

Liz Lalley, Director – Risk, Resilience and Community Safety, Welsh Government

4 Motion under SO17.42 (vi) and (ix) to exclude the public for items 5, 8 and 9 of today's meeting

5 Governance of Fire and Rescue Services: consideration of evidence
(12:15–12:30)

Lunch (12:30–13:30)

6 Childcare follow up inquiry: evidence session 1
(13:30–14:45) (Pages 69 – 89)

Dr David Dallimore, social policy researcher formerly employed by Bangor University and the Wales Institute of Social and Economic Research and Data

Hayli Gibson, Head of Early Years, Childcare and Play, Pembrokeshire County Council

Janet Kelly, Chair of Trustees, Sparkle Cymru

Break (14:45–15:00)

7 Childcare follow up inquiry: evidence session 2
(15:00–16:15) (Pages 90 – 119)

Sarah Coates, National Day Nurseries Association (a member of the CWLWM Partnership)

Jane O'Toole, Clybiau Plant Cymru (a member of the CWLWM Partnership)

Sarah Mutch, Early Years and Partnerships Manager, Caerphilly County
Borough Council

Cheryl Salley, Director at Darling Buds Nursery Ltd

8 Childcare follow up inquiry: consideration of the evidence

(16:15–16:30)

9 Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan: consideration of draft report

(16:30–17:00)

(To Follow)