

Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 (Senedd)

Meeting date: Monday, 22 April 2024

Meeting time: 13.31 – 15.36

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jenny Rathbone MS (Chair) Jane Dodds MS Sioned Williams MS Julie Morgan MS Joel James MS
Witnesses:	Julie James MS, Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning Liz Lalley, Director, Risk, Resilience and Community Safety, Welsh Government Dan Stephens, Fire & Rescue Adviser and Inspector for Wales
Committee Staff:	Rhys Morgan (Clerk) Angharad Roche (Deputy Clerk) Sam Mason (Legal Adviser) Claire Thomas (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Sarah Murphy and Altaf Hussain. Julie Morgan and Joel James attended as substitutes.

2 Governance of Fire and Rescue Services: evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning and the Chief Fire Adviser

Members heard evidence from:

Julie James MS, Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning

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

Dan Stephens, Fire & Rescue Adviser and Inspector for Wales

3 Papers to note

Members noted the papers.

- 3.1 **Correspondence between the Chair and the Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning regarding further information relating to the Committee's inquiry into Governance of Fire and Rescue Services in Wales**
 - 3.2 **Correspondence between the Fire Leaders Association and the First Minister relating to evidence given by the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership in the Equality and Social Justice Committee's Fire and Rescue Services inquiry**
 - 3.3 **Written evidence submission from the WLGA to the Chair in relation to the Committee's Inquiry into Fire and Rescue Services**
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- 4 **Motion under SO17.42 (vi) to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting**

Members agreed the motion.

5 Governance of Fire and Rescue Services: consideration of evidence

Members considered the evidence heard in the final evidence session in the inquiry looking at governance of Fire and Rescue Services in Wales.