



The Poverty and Inequality Commission Meeting - Thursday 19 December 2019

10:00am – 3:00pm (lunch 12:30pm, tea and coffee available from 9:30am)

COSLA 19 Haymarket Yards, Edinburgh EH12 5BH

Agenda

Morning session: 10am – 12.30pm

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Communications Strategy
3. Freedom of Information policy
4. Scrutiny of the Fairer Scotland Action Plan Progress Report
5. Proposal for a Working Group on Free School Meals
6. Research update
7. Update from meetings: Benefit take up, Scottish Child Payment & Destitution in Glasgow
8. Appointment of Deputy Chair
9. Update paper – Finance and Risk Register
10. Any other business

Lunch

Afternoon session: 1pm – 3pm

Discussion: How can Scottish tax powers be used to reduce poverty and inequality?

Expert attendees:

David Eiser, Research Fellow, Fraser of Allander Institute

Shona Glen, Head of Policy and Research, Scottish Land Commission

Russell Gunson, Director, IPPR Scotland

Lucy O'Carroll, Director of Tax, Scottish Government

Adrian Sinfield, Emeritus Professor of Social Policy, Edinburgh University