

Meeting of the Poverty and Inequality Commission

Thursday 10 December 2020

10:00 – 12:00

Virtual Meeting by Zoom video communications

Attendees

Bill Scott, Chair
Professor Morag Treanor
Lindsay Graham
Linda Bamford
Alex Cobham
Shona Stephen

Secretariat attendees

Katherine Hudson, Secretariat Manager
Michele Barr, Secretariat/Administrator

Apologies

Yvonne Blake
Douglas White
Katie Schmuecker

External Attendees

Joanne Smith, NSPCC Scotland
Susan Galloway, NSPCC Scotland
Maureen McAteer, Barnardos

1. Welcome and apologies

Bill Scott welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were given for Yvonne Blake, Douglas White and Katie Schmuecker. Bill Scott thanked Joanne Smith, and Susan Galloway NSPCC Scotland and Maureen McAteer, Barnardos for joining the meeting.

2. NSPCC to present their research findings

NSPCC Scotland and Barnardos Scotland gave a presentation to the Commission on their new research, *Challenges from the Frontline*. The research is a follow-up to 2013 research and revisits the same services to look at the impact of welfare reforms and austerity on families and family support.

3. Intersectionality research draft report

Katherine Hudson provided an update on the draft discussion piece on intersectionality from IPPR Scotland. Commissioners provided comments and agreed to ask IPPR to remove the recommendations for the Scottish Government. The Commission will consider which recommendations it wants to make to Scottish Government and also to reflect on any recommendations made by the First Minister's Advisory Council on Women and Girls and will discuss at the next Commission meeting in January. Commissioners agreed to publish the report once final changes are made in January.

4. Biodiversity duty report

Katherine Hudson provided an overview of the Commission's Biodiversity report 2019-2020. Under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004, all public bodies in Scotland are under a statutory duty to further the conservation of biodiversity when carrying out their responsibilities. The Commission reviewed and agreed the Biodiversity report. The report will be published by the end of the year on the Commission website.

5. Budget/risk register/work plan

The Commissioners discussed the budget, risk register and work plan. Commissioners agreed updates to the risk register.

6. Social Renewal Advisory Board report update

Bill Scott provided a verbal update to Commissioners on the Social Renewal Advisory Board. The Social Renewal Board final report to the Scottish Government will be published in January. The Commission will publish its contribution in full after the SRAB report is published.

7. AOB

- The next Commission meeting will be on the 21 January 2021 and will be held on Microsoft Teams.
- The Commission to have a separate meeting to discuss Brexit in January
- Linda Bamford provided an update on meetings attended. Linda will attend the Scottish Government & Transport Scotland Climate Change Plan Update meeting.
- UN Climate Change Conference to be discussed at Commission meeting in January.