

Meeting of the Poverty and Inequality Commission

Thursday 2 September 2021

10:00 – 12:30

Virtual Meeting by Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Bill Scott, Chair
Professor Morag Treanor
Lindsay Graham
Linda Bamford
Katie Schmuecker
Yvonne Blake
Shona Stephen
Douglas White
Alex Cobham

Secretariat attendees

Katherine Hudson, Secretariat Manager
Rory Morrison, Analytical Manager
Orlaith McAree, Senior Participation Officer
Michele Barr, Secretariat/Administrator

External attendees

Claire Telfer, Head of Save the Children in Scotland
John Dickie, Director, Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG)
Peter Kelly, Director, The Poverty Alliance
Satwat Rehman, Director, One Parent Families Scotland
SallyAnn Kelly, CEO, Aberlour
Martin Canavan, Head of Policy & Participation, Aberlour

1. Welcome and apologies

Bill Scott welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

10:00-12:00

2. Discussion: Scottish Government Child Poverty Delivery Plan – priorities for the next delivery plan?(10:00-12:00)

Bill Scott invited each of the external attendees to briefly outline what they thought should be priorities for the next Child Poverty Delivery Poverty. This was followed by questions and discussion between the Commissioners and external attendees.

External attendees left the meeting.

12:00-12:30

3. Commission business as usual

Letter from STUC – ‘Our Climate, Our Buses’

Commissioners discussed the letter to the Commission from the Scottish Trades Union Congress regarding its ‘Our Climate, Our Buses’ campaign, which asked the Commission to consider the issue as part of its work in formulating advice to the Scottish Government. Commissioners agreed to consider this as part of developing its advice and will respond to the STUC..

Future Commission meetings

Katherine Hudson introduced a paper on future Commission meetings. Commissioners discussed future meetings and how they would like the meetings to operate. The Commissioners agreed to continue with the frequency/timings of meetings for just now and for them to continue virtually until the end of the year. The Commission will continue to have mainly virtual meetings next year, but the secretariat will look at factoring in face to face meetings a couple of times across 2022.

4. AOB

- Órlaith McAree provided an update to the Commissioners on the recruitment of members for the Commission’s Experts by Experience Panel. Lindsay Graham attended the meeting and has offered to speak to panel members on a one to one basis. Yvonne Blake expressed that she would be keen to work with the panel in the future, Orlaith will meet with Yvonne to discuss this further. The next panel meeting is on the 14 September.
- The next Commission meeting will be on the 14 September 2021.