

## **Meeting of the Poverty and Inequality Commission**

**Thursday 14 April 2022**

**10:00 – 12:00**

**Virtual Meeting by Microsoft Teams**

### **Commission attendees**

Bill Scott, Chair

Professor Morag Treanor

Yvonne Blake

Linda Bamford

Shona Stephen

Lindsay Graham

### **Secretariat attendees**

Rory Morrison, Analytical Manager

Michele Barr, Secretariat/Administrator

### **Apologies**

Douglas White

Alex Cobham

Katie Schmuecker

## **1. Welcome and apologies**

Bill Scott welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were given for Douglas White, Alex Cobham and Katie Schmuecker.

## **2. Review of *Best Start, Bright Futures: tackling child poverty delivery plan 2022-26***

Bill Scott introduced this item . Commissioners reviewed the recommendations they had previously made against the actions contained in the Plan and provided feedback. The feedback on the Plan will be taken to the meeting with the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government and the Commission at the start of May.

### **Evidence to the Social Justice and Social Security Committee**

Bill Scott will be giving evidence on the child poverty delivery plan to the Scottish Parliament Social Justice and Social Security Committee. Commissioners discussed the plan and Bill will reflect Commissioners views and comments when he gives evidence to the Committee on 21 April.

### **3. Meeting with the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government**

Commissioners have been invited to a roundtable discussion with the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government. The intention of the meeting is to have an open discussion about 'Best Start, Bright Futures', to hear Commissioner thoughts and to discuss how Scottish Government can deliver the commitments and ambitions contained within the delivery plan.

Commissioners suggested taking a statement on the delivery plan from the Commission's experts by experience panel to the meeting with the Cabinet Secretary.

### **4. AOB**

- Date of next Commission meeting is the 12 May.
- Bill Scott will be meeting with the John Muir Trust whose focus is in tackling inequalities in rural areas. Bill will also be speaking at the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations on the 14 June.
- Linda Bamford is attending the Scottish Rural Islands panel meeting.