

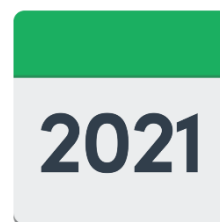
Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland



Advising Scottish Ministers
on Accessible Travel

Main Committee Meeting

Online on Teams.



Who was at the meeting?

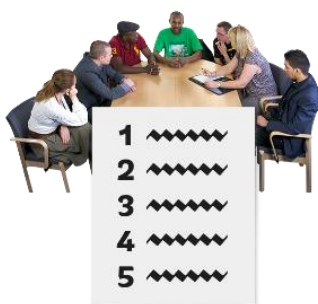


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Agenda Item 1

Welcome and introductions.

Linda started the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing them.

She went over the plan for the meeting.

Agenda Item 2 Things for the Committee to talk about.



The meeting talked about councils having to do Equality Impact Assessments.

These are ways to make sure the way people work, and work policies treat everyone fairly and equally.



MACS says organisations should do these assessments with information and advice from disabled people.

The Committee agreed to carry over Objective 3.

An objective is what we want to happen.

Objective 3

To make sure the Scottish Government tells councils and public bodies that they must follow the laws about accessible public transport.



Public bodies are organisations that work for the Government and provide public services.



What will MACS do to make this happen?

- Make sure the Scottish Government are a good example because they use Equality Impact Assessments.



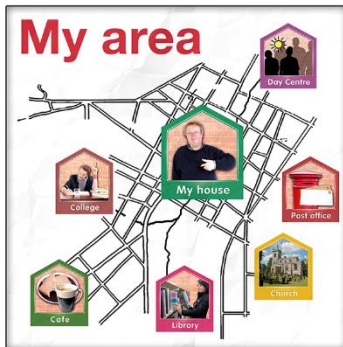
- Speak to councils, public bodies and transport providers to make sure they follow equality laws.

They must do Equality Impact Assessments before any services change.



- Work to make sure places include everyone.

Organisations that provide services and look after places must work and plan with local communities to make them work well for everyone.



- Talk about 20 minute neighbourhoods.

The people who live in these neighbourhoods can get to the places and services they need, like shops, schools and parks without using a car.

We want disabled people and older people to get what they want and need when 20 minute neighbourhoods are planned.



- Make it clear that disabled people must be involved in designing the places they live and the services they use.



Agenda item 3

Approval of minutes, and work on actions from the last meeting.

Minutes from October 2020 meeting were approved.



Agenda item 4 Update from the Convenor

Linda sent her update report two weeks ago.

The meeting agreed the super report should stay as 1 report instead of 5 reports from different work groups.



There were recruitment drop-in sessions about being a public appointee to MACS.

This is a person who is appointed by a Government Minister to be on the Board of MACS.



Agenda Item 5 Update from Sponsor Team

Karen sent her report 2 weeks ago.

People can ask questions at the meeting and email what they thought after the meeting too.



The inclusive design report is finished.

Work is happening on when it will be published and how the guidance will be used.



Karen gave information about the Blue Badge appeals process.

An appeal is when you ask for a decision to be changed because you think it is wrong.

The Accessibility Team are in charge of this.



The meeting talked about the rules about accessibility on public transport.

MACS think the date for the rules to start should not be put off again.



There was an update on the webinars run by Disability Equality Scotland and Transport Scotland.

Comments and questions from the committee:



MACS thanked Disability Equality Scotland and Transport Scotland for these events.

Information from them will be useful for the work MACS do.



The Ferries team update did not mention the ferries accessibility fund. This was disappointing.



The Rail work group think we should not ask for accessible buses to replace cancelled trains.

There is not enough money to do this because of coronavirus.



The Department for Transport are having a wheelchair review.

It is hoped that bright colours will not be used as this is difficult for people who have autism.

Agenda Item 5 - Messages for Twitter



The Committee agreed to:

- Tweet about the Equality Impacts Assessment podcast and video.
- Tweet about the Human Rights group



Agenda Item 6

Linda has arranged new meeting dates.
Members do not have to go to every meeting.

Action Point One:

Linda will send out dates for meetings from May to Oct 2021.



The meeting moved to a closed session.

This means only Committee members are there.



They talked about the Strategic Plan for 2021-2024 and the Work Plan for 2021-2022.



End of meeting.