

Counsel General calls for fair and effective Welsh justice system

He will argue that current arrangements are not fit for purpose and that policing and justice need to be devolved in order to address a “conundrum at the heart of the devolution settlement”.

The Counsel General’s vision is for a justice system which reflects the values and particular characteristics of Welsh society and embraces social and economic justice. He will also talk about what the justice system in Wales can do to increase fairness, equality and prosperity for all.

Speaking at the event organised by the Bevan Foundation, the Counsel General will refer to the justice system itself and the impact that non-devolved areas of policing and justice have on the delivery of public services in Wales.

Ahead of today’s event, Jeremy Miles said:

“The Welsh Government is fully committed to an equal and fair Wales, but achieving our vision of a just Wales requires fundamental change. The Commission on Justice in Wales chaired by former Lord Chief Justice, Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, has a vital role to play in shaping our future.

“I am concerned that the justice system of England and Wales is not fit for purpose and there is an arbitrary line between what is devolved and what is not. This means public services cannot be properly joined up and integrated to the detriment of the people of Wales, who deserve better.”