

Yr Is-bwyllgor Datblygu Gwledig

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Galw am dystiolaeth ysgrifenedig a rhestr o ymgynghoreion posibl ar gyfer yr ymchwiliad i dlodi ac amddifadedd yn y Gymru wledig

Diben

1. Mae'r papur hwn yn gwahodd Aelodau i ystyried galwad am dystiolaeth ysgrifenedig a rhestr o ymgynghoreion posibl ar gyfer ymchwiliad yr Is-bwyllgor i dlodi ac amddifadedd yn y Gymru wledig.

Cefndir

2. Yn ei gyfarfod ar 27 Medi 2007, ystyriodd yr Is-bwyllgor bapur cwmpasu cychwynnol ar ddarparu gwasanaethau yng nghefn gwlad a chytunodd bod y papur cwmpasu i'w adolygu er mwyn canolbwyntio'n benodol ar dlodi ac amddifadedd yn y Gymru wledig. Ystyriodd yr Is-bwyllgor y papur cwmpasu diwygiedig yn ei gyfarfod ar 18 Hydref 2007 a chytunodd ar y cylch gorchwyl ar gyfer yr ymchwiliad ar 29 Tachwedd 2007.

3. Mae'r alwad am dystiolaeth yn Atodiad A yn cynnwys cwestiynau cyffredinol eu natur a chwestiynau mwy penodol a dargedwyd ar gyfer y pedwar grŵp poblogaeth y mae'r Is-bwyllgor wedi cytuno i ganoli'r ymchwiliad arnynt.

4. Mae'r rhestr o ymgynghoreion posibl yn Atodiad B wedi'i llunio gyda'r bwriad o ymgysylltu ag ystod eang o sefydliadau, grwpiau cymuned ac unigolion trwy holl sectorau'r gymdeithas wledig.

5. Y bwriad yw y bydd yr alwad am dystiolaeth yn cael ei anfon allan at yr ymgynghoreion oddeutu 18 Ionawr 2008 a'i fod yn cael ei gyhoeddi ar dudalennau gwefan yr Is-bwyllgor. Bydd yr Aelodau'n dal sylw bod yr alwad am dystiolaeth yn cynnig dyddiad terfyn ar gyfer cyflwyno dystiolaeth ysgrifenedig, sef 7 Mawrth 2008.

Argymhellion

6. Mae Aelodau'n cael eu gwahodd i ystyried a chytuno ar:

Gynnwys yr alwad am dystiolaeth ysgrifenedig, yn cynnwys cwestiynau posibl a dyddiad terfyn ar gyfer cyflwyniadau ysgrifenedig; a Rhestr o ymgynghoreion posibl.

Y Gwasanaeth Pwyllgorau
Ionawr 2008

Annex A (Saesneg yn unig)

RDC(3)-01-08 (p.2) Call for written evidence

Rural Development Sub-Committee Yr Is-Bwyllgor Datblygu Gwledig

Cardiff Bay
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18 January 2008

Dear Colleague,

The Assembly's Rural Development Sub-Committee is undertaking a scrutiny inquiry into poverty and deprivation in rural Wales. The terms of reference for the inquiry are:

To examine issues relating to poverty and deprivation in rural Wales; and

To scrutinise the relevance and effectiveness of Welsh Assembly Government policy in this area.

The Sub-Committee's work will focus on poverty and deprivation issues for the following groups:

Children and young people

The economically active

The economically inactive

Older people

"Poverty means not having enough money (or other essentials to get by). Deprivation refers to problems caused by a general lack of resources and opportunities (not just money)"

Nine Local Authority areas in Wales are commonly agreed to be primarily rural in nature, namely Ynys Môn, Gwynedd, Conwy, Denbighshire, Powys, Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire and Monmouthshire. However, other Local Authorities may have rural characteristics and areas, for example Flintshire, the Vale of Glamorgan and Wrexham.

Whilst these definitions may be useful, the Committee would like respondents to focus on people's experiences and whether anti-poverty policies address the needs of rural areas rather than try to define 'poverty' or 'rural'.

Not all questions will apply to all consultees; please answer those questions you feel are relevant.

General

1. What are the poverty problems faced by rural areas? What are the specific needs of rural areas in relation to this issue?
2. Are anti-poverty activities best dealt with by the Welsh Assembly Government or by the Local Authorities? Why?
- 3 i) What anti-poverty initiatives (Welsh Assembly Government or Local Authority) are you aware of?
- 3 ii) Do these anti-poverty policies adequately address the needs of rural areas?
4. What specific measures would you like to see implemented by the Welsh Assembly Government to deal with poverty issues in rural Wales?
5. What examples of good practice are you aware of in Wales/other parts of the UK/ overseas?

Population Groups

For each of the groups (or whichever is of relevance to you), please consider the following questions:

6. To what extent are these groups living in poverty in rural Wales?
7. What poverty issues are experienced by these population groups that are specific to rural areas? Please highlight any relevant evidence or research that you are aware of.
8. How do the problems of the 4 population groups differ across rural Wales (for example between areas in West Wales and East Wales)?
9. In what ways are any sub-groups within the four population groups particularly affected by rural poverty, for example, disabled economically inactive people or female older people?
10. What are the most effective ways of tackling poverty for individuals from these groups living in rural parts of Wales?
11. How can these problems be addressed by the Welsh Assembly Government?

Interested parties are invited to submit written evidence to the Clerk of the Committee at the above address, to arrive no later than Friday 7 March 2008. If possible, please supply an electronic version in MS Word or Rich Text format, either by e mail to Sustainability.comm@Wales.gsi.gov.uk or on a disk.

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Yours sincerely

Alun Davies AM
Chair, Rural Development Sub-Committee

Rural Development Sub-committee

Inquiry into poverty and deprivation in rural Wales: list of consultees

Community Health Councils
Local Authorities
Local Health Boards
Police Authorities
Councils for Voluntary Action
Official Agencies
Benefits Agency
Care Council for Wales
Children's Commissioner for Wales
Commissioner for Older People for Wales
Commission for Equality and Human Rights
Countryside Council for Wales
Department for Work and Pensions re: local housing allowance
Jobcentre Plus
National Audit Office Wales
National Housing and Planning Advice Unit
Probation Service
Registered Social Landlords
Rent Officer Service
Welsh Consumer Council
Welsh Assembly Government
Welsh Language Board
Welsh Local Government Association
Welsh Local Government Association Rural Forum

Trades Unions

Amicus
British Medical Association
GMB
Farmers Union of Wales
NASUWT
National Union of Students Wales
National Farmers' Union Cymru
National Union of Teachers Cymru
Royal College of Nursing
Transport and General Workers' Union
Trades Union Congress Wales
Unison
Unite

Voluntary Sector

Action on Elder Abuse
Age Alliance Wales
Age Concern Wales
All Wales Ethnic Minority Association (AWEMA)
Alzheimers' Society
Barnardos Cymru
British Federation of Home Workers
British Red Cross (Wales)
British Youth Council
Carers Wales
Centre for Independent Living
Children in Wales
Chwarae Teg
Citizens Advice Bureau Cymru
Crossroads Wales
Cruse Bereavement Care
CONNECT Disability Rights Advice
Daybreak Wales
Deaf Association Wales
Depression Alliance Cymru
Disability Wales

Downs' Syndrome Association
Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities
Gofal
Gypsy Council
Help the Aged Cymru
Irish Traveller Movement Britain
Mind Cymru
NACRO
National Association of Gypsy Women
National Federation of Women's Institute
National Institute of Adult Continuing Education
North Wales Race Equality Network
NSPCC Cymru
Oxfam Cymru
People First Wales
Princes Trust Wales
Race Equality First
Royal National Institute for the Blind Cymru
RNID Cymru
Refugee Voice Wales
Samaritans
Save the Children Fund in Wales
Scope Cwmpas Cymru
SENSE Cymru
Shelter Cymru
Stonewall Cymru
Traveller Times
Victim Support Wales
Voices from Care
Wales Carers' Alliance
Wales Consumers' Council
Wales Council for the Blind
Wales Council for the Deaf
Wales Pensioners
Wales Volunteering Forum
Wales Womens' National Coalition
Welsh Association of Youth Clubs
Welsh Consumers Council
Welsh Refugee Council
Welsh Women's Aid
Ynys Mon Voluntary Service

Religious Organisations

Catholic Education Service
Christian Aid
Cytun - Churches Together in Wales
Church in Wales
Evangelical Alliance Wales
Inter Faith Council for Wales
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cardiff
Salvation Army

Research Organisations

Economic and Social Research Council
Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Business Organisations

Basic Skills Agency
Business Eye
Careers Wales
CBI Wales
Federation of Small Businesses
Remploy

Economic Forums

Mid Wales Partnership
North Wales
South East Wales
South West Wales

Financial Sector

Wales Co-operative Centre

Agriculture

Country Land & Business Association
Farmers' Crisis Network
Forestry Commission Wales
National Farmers' Union Wales
North Western & North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee
Young Farmers' Cymru

Housing

Association of Residential Letting Agents
Caer Las Cymru
Community Housing Cymru
Cymorth Cymru
Guild of Residential Landlords
National Association of Estate Agents
National Federation of Residential Landlords
National Landlords Association
Residential Landlords Association
Tenant Participation and Advisory Service Cymru
The Wallich
Welsh Federation of Housing Associations
Welsh Tenants Federation Ltd