

Local Government and Public Services Committee

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Date: Thursday 30 March 2006

Venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd, National Assembly for Wales

Title: Committee's Forward Work Programme

Purpose

1. To invite the Committee to comment on and agree its draft work programme for the summer term.
2. A draft work programme is shown overleaf. It reflects issues identified for consideration by the Committee during the autumn term and key policy issues being taken forward by the Welsh Assembly Government.

Ann Jones AM
Chair

**Local Government & Public Services Committee
Detailed Forward Work Programme - Summer 2006
Meeting Reference: LGPS(2)-07-06**

Date	Topic
Thursday 4 May	Ministers report
	Legislative forward look
	Subordinate legislation - The Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2006
	Local Authorities' response to the Civil Partnerships Regulations
	Community Strategy Research Report
	Public Services Ombudsman
	Review of the Electoral Commission – Committee response

Meeting Reference: LGPS(2)-08-06

Date	Topic
Wednesday 17 May	Approval of the Committee's response to the Review of the Electoral Commission
	Committee's budget priorities for 06-07
	Committee's annual report to plenary
	Local authority procurement – Carmarthenshire example of good practice
	WLGA Report on Partnership Working
	Paper to note - EU Structural Funds Programme – Scope for enhancing public administration capacity Paper to note on the Committee's visit to Sweden

Meeting Reference: LGPS(2)-09-06

Date	Topic
Thursday 8 June	Pre meeting – 1.30 – 3.00
	Meeting with Sir Michael Lyons – London – 3.30 – 5.30

Meeting Reference: LGPS(2)-10-06

Date	Topic
Wednesday 21 June	Committee's strategic forward work programme
	Ministers report
	Legislative forward look
	Local Government Partnership Scheme Annual Report 2005-06
	Electoral Registration – joint paper by the Electoral Commission and the Welsh Assembly Government
	Firm proposals for the Three Year Settlements
	(Business?) Rate Relief Scheme – final outcome of deliberations

Meeting Reference: LGPS(2)-11-06

Date	Topic
Thursday 6 July	Ministers report
Colwyn Bay	Legislative forward look
	Beecham Inquiry final report
	Review of the Committee's work over the last year
	Night-time Economy
	Local Government White Paper (any implications for Wales)

Items to be included at an appropriate date:

- Making the Connections (relevant follow-up work)
- Lyons Inquiry (relevant updates/follow-up work)
- EU legislation

Items suggested:

Update on Communities First

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- Local Government (Assistants for Political Groups)(Remuneration) (Wales) Order 2005 (to be dealt with in the Political Restrictions Regime Order);
- Small Business Rate Relief Scheme Regulations.
- The Local Authorities (Political Restrictions Regime) Order 2005
- Council Tax (Alteration of Lists and Appeals) Regulations 1993 (SI 1993/290) (may not be amended)
- The Conduct of Members (Principles and Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) Order 2005
- Subordinate legislation – The Local Authorities (Allowances for Members of County and County Borough Councils and National Park Authorities)(Wales) Regulations 2005

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