

OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS FROM SJ &R MEETINGS

Action point [lead Division]	Progress	Target completion date
Third meeting: 16 March 2005		
<p>03.13 The Minister would provide a report for Committee on the implementation of recommendation 19 of the policy review on housing for older people. Housing Directorate</p>	<p>The first stage of this review involved a research study to: examine the current provision of accommodation for older people in Wales; assess the appropriateness of current provision for current and future occupants; and appraise how the economy of accommodation provision will need to respond to the changing needs and demands of older people.</p> <p>A Synthesis Report will be available for the Social Justice and Regeneration Committee in October 2006. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An appraisal of existing provision of accommodation for Older People • An outline of future demand for accommodation • Future Implications for the supply of accommodation • Policy recommendations 	<p>Scheduled presentation to Committee on 15th February.</p>
10th Meeting: 16 November 2005		
<p>10.02 The Minister agreed to provide an update on the CAF/CASS pensions issue. Emyr Roberts</p>		<p>Completed. The Minister wrote to Chair on 16 October 2006.</p>

10.07 The Minister agreed to report annually over the next 3 years on the impact of the Homelessness Strategy Housing Directorate	Progress report to Committee as part of written report on 6 July.	Annual report scheduled early 2007.
11th Meeting: 8 December 2005		
11.02 The Minister to undertake a mapping exercise on service provision (including security/benefits/adaptations/public utilities energy action schemes) through Care and Repair and other agencies across Wales and report back. Housing Directorate		Work is on course to finish as scheduled by end December 2006.
1st Meeting: 12 January 2006		
01.26 The Domestic Abuse Working Group to consider the provision of counselling services. Community Safety Division		Completed The Minister wrote to Committee on 15 November 2006.
01.27 The Minister agreed to look at the statistical data available for an evaluation of the Domestic Abuse Strategy. Community Safety Division	Officials are currently examining data sources including Helpline, Police Incident, Crown Prosecution Service and British Crime Survey Data. It will take time before any trends emerge.	The Minister has already provided Committee with Helpline data in a letter dated 10 April. The other data is still being collated and further information will be provided to Committee in December.
01.29 The Minister agreed to provide an update on the Housing for Older People Policy Review recommendations, 12-14, equity release issues. Housing Directorate	Also see action point 7.10.	Regularly
2nd Meeting: 9 February 2006		
02.15 The Minister agreed to consider strategic linkages and statistics for inclusion in		Committee paper due in Spring 2007.

the next sustainable development report to Committee. Business Unit		
3rd Meeting: 15 March 2006		
03.05 The Minister agreed to include regular updates in her Ministerial report on developments surrounding post office issues. Communities Directorate		Completed. Update included in written report for November.
4th Meeting: 03 May 2006		
04.07 The Deputy Minister agreed to update Committee on a six-monthly basis on the progress on the Child Poverty Implementation Plan. Communities Directorate.		March 2007
5th Meeting: 8th June 2006		
05.01 The Minister agreed to share the report carried out by SMTF specialist sub-group on the workforce shortages in counselling with Committee when published later in the year. CSD		February 2007.
05.04 The Minister agreed to provide regular updates to Committee on the restructuring of courts. CSD		When updates are available.
05.12 The Minister agreed to share her deliberations with Committee regarding the report on the Low Cost Home Ownership Scheme and suggested that the report's author give a presentation to Committee. Housing		Completed Presentation arranged for November 2006.

<p>05.14 The Minister agreed to report back on initiatives aimed at improving affordability through non traditional/innovative construction methods. Housing</p>		<p>Completed. Included in written report for November.</p>
<p>6th Meeting: 6th July 2006</p>		
<p>06.06 The Minister agreed to include the draft of the Homebuy Review with her next written report Housing</p>		<p>Completed Presentation scheduled for November 2006</p>
<p>7th Meeting: 21st September 2006</p>		
<p>07.02 The Minister agreed to circulate the figures relating to the costs incurred by the four Welsh Police Forces as part of the proposed mergers process and also provide an update on where the forces were in relation to their request for the money to be repaid by the Home Office Community Safety Division.</p>	<p>The Home Office wrote to all Chief Constables in England and Wales on 24 July inviting police forces to submit details of additional costs directly incurred in preparation for police restructuring. The Police All Wales Project Team responded on behalf of the four Welsh forces on 31 August, submitting a claim for a total sum of £1,443,214. The Home Office have not yet responded to this claim, but I will update the Committee when available.</p>	<p>Completed. Included in written report for November.</p>
<p>07.03 The Minister agreed to report back to Committee on the findings of the consultation on the Fire and Rescue Service Risk Reduction Plans. Housing Directorate.</p>		<p>Completed. Included in written report for November.</p>
<p>07.04 The Minister agreed to update Committee regularly on the Supporting People Grant, particularly formula arrangements. Housing Directorate.</p>	<p>Update included in Ministers report for 19 October</p>	<p>Regularly</p>

<p>07.05 Through discussions with NOMS the Minister agreed to take up the matter of the lack of funding for sex offender and domestic abuse perpetrator programmes in prisons and report back to Committee. Community Safety Division</p>	<p>Officials are liaising with NOMS. The Minister will write to Committee in November.</p>	<p>December 2006</p>
<p>07.07 The Minister agreed to send a note to Committee on the budgetary spend relating to the HEES Scheme. Housing Directorate.</p>		<p>Completed. Included in written report for November.</p>
<p>07.09 The Minister agreed to explore if further research may be undertaken in respect of excess winter deaths. Housing Directorate.</p>		<p>Completed. Included in written report for November.</p>
<p>07.10 The Minister agreed to circulate her keynote speech on "The need for housing" schedule for the Chartered Institute of Housing Cymru's Conference on 24 October. Housing Directorate</p>		<p>November 2006</p>
<p>07.11 The Minister agreed to keep Committee updated on issues relating to Prescoed Prison. Community Safety Division</p>	<p>The Minister wrote to the Home Office on 29 August asking to be kept informed of progress on the inquiry into the escapes from Prescoed. Officials have also written to John May, Operational Manager for the Prison Service asking him to share the findings of the inquiry.</p>	<p>December 2006</p>
<p>07.12 The Minister agreed to provide the 2006/07 figures on drug</p>	<p>These figures are still being collated and are likely to be available</p>	<p>Completed. Included in written report for November.</p>

and alcohol services expenditure in the substance misuse action fund when available. Community Safety Division	next month.	
07.14 The Minister agreed to share with Committee the evaluation of the pilot schemes under the All Wales Youth Offending Strategy when available. Community Safety Division		January 2007
07.17 The Minister agreed to explore where Therapy Services were in place as a preventative measure for substance misuse and report back. Community Safety Division		December 2006
8th Meeting: 19th October 2006		
08.01 The Minister suggested that Committee discuss further how Performance Indicators for the Communities First programme would work and how other PI's for Local Government and Enterprise and Innovation would be incorporated. Communities Directorate		Committee 18 January 2007
08.02 The Minister agreed to provide an update on the joined up working taking place within the Communities First programme across Wales and progress on the evaluation being undertaken by Rhonnda Cynon Taf LA. Communities		Committee 18 January 2007

Directorate		
08.03 The Minister agreed to take up further the effectiveness of cross-border working of local authorities within the Communities First Programme. Communities Directorate		Committee 18 January 2007
08.04 The Minister agreed to look at the diversity breakdown within Community First Partnerships and report back to Committee. Communities Directorate		Committee 18 January 2007
08.05 The Minister agreed to check the figures for Community Regeneration in England and report back. Communities Directorate.		Committee 18 January 2006
08.06 The Minister agreed to send a note to Committee on the transfer of resources on the fire and rescue services BEL. Business Unit.		Completed , letter sent to Chair on 24 October
08.07 The Minister agreed to take up the issue of cross border working and co-operation on vehicle recognition work at her meeting with the Chief Constables in November. Police Liason Officer		Completed. Included in written report.
08.08 The Minister agreed to consider producing Q&A literature on services relating to Housing. Housing Directorate		Completed. Included in written report for November.
08.09 The Minister agreed to keep		Completed. Included in written report for

<p>Committee updated on issues surrounding migrant workers and the future work of the Polish Centre. Communities Directorate</p>		<p>November</p>
<p>08.10 The Minister agreed to update Committee on the issues surrounding the function of the Asylum and Immigration Appeals System. Communities Directorate</p>		<p>Committee meeting 18 January 2007</p>
<p>08.11 The Minister agreed to discuss the issue of sub-postmaster retirements when she next meets with Royal Mail. Communities Directorate</p>		<p>At next meeting with PO</p>
<p>08.12 The Minister agreed to raise with the WLGA what can be done to support and raise the profile of post offices. Communities Directorate</p>		<p>At next meeting with WLGA</p>
<p>08.13 The Minister agreed to speak to the Chief Constables to get their views on whether crack cocaine misuse was on the increase, and to report back to the Committee. Community Safety Division</p>	<p>This issue is being taken up with Carl Close, the Police Liaison Officer and will be reported on at the next Committee.</p>	<p>December 2006</p>
<p>08.14 The Minister agreed to raise the issues surrounding Supporting People Grant when she next meets with the WLGA and Welsh Women's Aid, then report back. Housing Directorate</p>		<p>Next meeting with WLGA</p>
<p>08.15 The Minister agreed to report back</p>		<p>Committee Meeting 18 January 2007</p>

<p>further on unfit homes and figures for empty homes. Housing Directorate</p>		
<p>08.16 The Minister agreed to circulate the draft guidance in relation to section 226 of the Housing Act (Accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers) for discussion when available. Housing Directorate</p>		When available
<p>08.17 The Minister agreed to consider the possible impact the WHQS will have on the HEES targets and report back. Housing Directorate</p>		Committee 18 January 2007
<p>08.18 The Minister agreed to arrange for copies of the HECA Network publication to be circulated to Members . Housing Directorate</p>		Completed. Letter sent to chair on 7 November
<p>08.19 The Minister agreed to regularly update Committee on the Farepak Hamper situation. Communities Directorate</p>		Regularly
<p>08.20 The Minister agreed to obtain details of uptake with Credit Unions and report back. Communities Directorate</p>		When Figures are available
<p>08.21 The Minister agreed to write to circulate a best practice booklet to Committee on local authority energy conservation reports. Housing Directorate.</p>	Same as action point 08.18	Completed. Letter sent to Chair on 7 November