

OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS FROM SJ &R MEETINGS

| Action point [lead Division] | Progress | Target completion date |
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First meeting: 11 June 2003

01-02 The Minister would report on the outcome of her meeting with Lord Warner on the provision of secure accommodation for young people in Wales. **CSU**

The meeting was cancelled as Lord Warner is no longer chair of the Youth Justice Board. The Board have yet to appoint a new Chair.

Report will be made to the Committee following the Minister's meeting with newly appointed Chair of the Youth Justice Board.

01-08 The Minister agreed to update the Committee on the number of accredited Supporting People providers. **Housing**

The number of ASPs has now increased to 77 and work continues on progressing other applications.

Third meeting: 24 September 2003

3.12 The Minister would provide a note on research undertaken into the effects of drug taking on children. **CSU**

Richard Pates has written to the Minister stating that his report will be available in Spring 2005.

Spring 2005.

Fourth meeting: 15 October 2003

4.04 The Minister would consider how to ensure that tenants were fully aware of 'report to tenant' information now in authorities improvement plans. **Housing**

Still awaiting reply from WTF, reminder sent. Item on agenda for next meeting of Continuous Improvement in Housing Group.

April 2004.

4.05 The Minister agreed to provide the Committee with an update on the 1st stage of the review undertaken by the Audit Commission. **CSU**

Exercise in North Wales successfully completed – a similar exercise will be carried out for the rest of Wales.

4.06 The Minister would explore with the Education Minister how advice is being given to children relating to the drugs agenda and report back to Committee. **CSU**

The Minister wrote to the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning on 26 November 2003. Responses still awaited.

4.09 The Minister would look into the issue of RSL letting rates to homeless people. **Housing**

As part of the revision of the existing Regulatory Requirements for Registered Social Landlords (to be known as the Regulatory Code for Housing Associations in Wales), Officials are drafting new circulars on Nomination Rights and Exclusions which will be discussed with WFHA and WLGA. These circulars will allow for a consistent approach to allocation of accommodation by all social landlords and appropriate contributions of housing provision for homeless people in accordance with available stock.

It is anticipated that the Regulatory Code for Housing Associations in Wales will be issued in April 2004. It is proposed that the circulars are commenced simultaneously or as soon as possible thereafter.

Sixth meeting: 12 November 2003

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| <p>06.02 The Minister would provide an action plan for extending the transitional support scheme for prisoners released from prison outside Wales. CSU</p> | <p>Discussions held with Prison Services. Issue to be discussed with service providers at Project Board meeting on 13 January 2004.</p> | <p>Progress report to be provided for the meeting on 11 February 2004.</p> |
| <p>06.03 The Minister would consider providing a guide on the funding streams available within her portfolio. CSU/Vol Sec/Communities</p> | <p>Officials have in hand.</p> | <p>Will be included in the Minister's report to Committee on 10 March 2004.</p> |
| <p>06.05 The Minister would provide a note to Committee on the 'traiblazer' areas and their impact on border areas. CSU</p> | <p>The Minister wrote to the Home Office Minister on 26 November 2003. Response chased on 8 January.</p> | |
| <p>06.07 The Minister would raise the issue of the shortage of accommodation for a probation run drugs service in the Rhondda in her next meeting with the Probation Service. CSU</p> | <p>Meeting fixed for 10 February 2004 is in doubt due to merger of the probation and prison services.</p> | |
| <p>06.08 The Minister would confirm to the Committee the details of the accounts that make up the Community purposes SEG and their budgets. Communities</p> | <p>A letter is being prepared for the Minister to send to the Chair of the Committee.</p> | <p>January 2004.</p> |
| <p>06.09 The Minister agreed to update the Committee fully on the review of Disabled Facility Grants. Housing</p> | <p>Officials are in the process of drafting a scoping paper which will outline the exact parameters of the review.</p> | <p>A copy of the paper will be provided for the Committee in March 2004.</p> |

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| 06.10 The Minister would report to the first committee meeting in January on the review of homelessness legislation and would re-issue the Homeless Commission report updating the Committee on progress. | In hand | Report to Committee on 10 March 2004. |
| Housing | | |
| 06.11 The Minister to explore the funding available across Assembly budgets for 'counselling services'. CSU | In hand | Note will be included in the Minister's report to the Committee on 10 March 2004. |
| 06.12 The Minister would issue to the Committee the asylum seekers guidance. Housing | Finalising draft Guidance and preparing for formal consultation | Consultation paper available from January 2004; final Guidance August 2004. |

Eighth meeting: 3 December 2003

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| 08.01 The Minister agreed to provide the Committee with an update on the secondary legislation being made on the Leasehold Reform Act. | The original timetable for making this legislation has been deferred due to the unforeseen requirement for two additional revocation Orders. | The new target date is for the Commencement Order and Revocation Orders to come into force on 4 February 2004 and the Associated Regulations to come into force on 5 February. |
| Housing | | |
| 08.02 The Minister would report back to the Committee on social housing in rural areas such as Gwynedd. Housing - see also 08.15 | See 8.15 below | Summer 2004 |
| 08.03 The Minister agreed to consider how HEES and other services could be better co-ordinated. Housing - see also 08.04 and 08.14 | See 8.14 below | Completed. |

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| <p>08.04 The Minister agreed to provide a further analysis of HEES scheme in relation to areas of deprivation and report back on its use. Housing</p> | <p>Planning in hand to Map HEES beneficiaries in relation to Assembly IMD.</p> | <p>Analysis anticipated Spring 2004.</p> |
| <p>08.05 The Minister agreed to check the definition of 'suspect' in relation to asset recovery. CSU</p> | <p>Officials discussing with Assets Recovery Agency.</p> | <p>Note to be provided for Committee meeting on 11 February.</p> |
| <p>08.06 The Minister agreed to check on the position with regard to the use of monies recouped as part of asset recovery for counselling service. CSU</p> | <p>Minister to meet the Home Office Minister responsible for the Assets Recovery Agency in the near future.</p> | |
| <p>08.07 The Minister agreed to make the APOSM report on Needle Exchange and Supervised Consumption available to the Committee in due course. CSU</p> | <p>The Report 'A review of Substance Misuse Services Provided through Community Pharmacies in Wales' has been received by ApoSM. A letter is being prepared for the Minister to send to the Chair of the Committee.</p> | <p>January 2004.</p> |
| <p>08.08 The Minister would arrange for copies of the substance misuse local action plans to be made available for members. CSU</p> | <p>Plans being considered by officials as agreed by the Minister. Will be distributed to the Minister and Committee Members once approved.</p> | <p>End February 2004.</p> |
| <p>08.09 The Minister agreed, with the full backing of the Committee, to take up with Whitehall the question of a ban on alcohol advertising. CSU</p> | | <p>Completed. Minister has written to Don Touhig MP and raised the issue with him at their bilateral meeting in January 2004.</p> |

08.10 The Minister agreed to provide a note on the issue of measures taken against people who abuse the RTB system.

Housing

08.11 The Minister agreed to look into the issue of granting of alcohol licenses. **CSU**

Advice being taken from lawyers regarding the Assembly's powers. Minister has written to Don Touhig MP and raised the issue with him at their bilateral meeting in January 2004. Also written to the Chair of ACPO Wales.

08.12 The Minister would report further to the Committee on the Community Pharmacy Service and the impact of the new contracts in terms of substance misuse treatment.

CSU

Work in hand.

Completed. Included in Minister's report to Committee 21 January 2004.

Update will be provided in the Minister's report to Committee on 11 February 2004.

08.13 The Minister agreed to update the Committee on the issue of anti-social behaviour and in particular issues relating to Fireworks. **CSU/PAHU**

Completed. Included in Minister's report to Committee 21 January 2004.

08.14 The Minister agreed to consider wider energy efficiency issues and the level of complaints over the implementation of HEES.

Housing

Completed. HEES annual report for 2002-03 considered complaints and also wider energy efficiency issues. Comprehensive review of HEES will be undertaken in 2004.

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| <p>08.15 The Minister would provide the Committee with an analysis of the local housing strategies, in particular the level of rural housing available as compared to that made available by HA's. Housing</p> | <p>Feedback has been provided (to those 15 received before November and will be before year-end to remainder) to local authorities on the draft local housing strategies. Formal strategies are due to be received in April 2004.</p> | <p>July 2003.</p> |
| <p>08.16 The Minister agreed to report back to the Committee on the outcome of the consultation on Social Enterprise Action Plans. Communities</p> | <p>Formal consultation ended end of November 2003. Report on consultation and recommendations on way forward to be completed by February.</p> | <p>March 2003.</p> |
| <p>08.17 The Minister agreed to report back to the Committee on how the recommendations in the Deputy Minister's report on Communities First were to be taken forward. Communities</p> | | <p>Completed. Included in the Ministers report to Committee on 21 January 2004.</p> |
| <p>08.18 The Minister would update the Committee on the recommendations of the communities first review undertaken by the former LGH Committee Communities.</p> | | <p>Completed. Included in the Minister's report to Committee on 21 January 2004.</p> |
| <p>08.19 The Minister would provide an update on domestic violence. CSU</p> | | <p>Completed. The Minister wrote to the Chair on 14 January 2004.</p> |