

## OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS FROM SJ & R MEETINGS

**Action point**

**Progress**

**Target completion date**

**[lead Division]**

### **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 left the Youth Justice Board.

Professor Rod Morgan has been appointed as the new Chair of the Youth Justice Board. A meeting with Professor Morgan will be arranged following his appointment, which takes effect from 5 April 2004.

Report will be made to the Committee following the Minister's meeting with Professor Morgan on 26 May 2004.

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 79 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 1<sup>st</sup> stage of the review undertaken by the Audit Commission. **CSU**

Exercise in North Wales completed. Similar exercises being carried out across Wales. To date 16 LHBs have replied. Officials are chasing the 6 outstanding responses

The information will now be validated and it is hoped a report will be sent to the Minister in May.

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**

Letter received by the Minister from the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning stating that the information on substance misuse education programmes is being gathered by her officials.

Awaiting information.

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. The circulars will be issued for formal consultation with social landlords. Officials will also be holding a joint meeting with WFHA and WLGA.

## Sixth meeting: 12 November 2003

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**

This is being investigated and advice will be submitted to the Minister very shortly.

Update will be included in the Minister's report to Committee in May 2004.

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 31 March 2004.

### **Housing**

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

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

08.04 The Minister agreed to provide a further analysis of HEES scheme in relation to areas of deprivation and report back on its use. **Housing**

Planning in hand to Map HEES beneficiaries in relation to Assembly IMD.

Analysis anticipated Spring 2004.

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. <b>CSU</b>	Caroline Flint MP, Home Office Minister not now attending conference so draft letter seeking clarification will be prepared for the Minister shortly.	Report back to Committee on reply.
08.08 The Minister would arrange for copies of the substance misuse local action plans to be made available for members. <b>CSU</b>	Final plans now being considered by officials. Advice and draft letter for distribution to the Committee submitted to the Minister by April 2004.	
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. <b>Housing</b>	Feedback has been provided to 21 local authorities on their draft local housing strategies with the aim of improving their quality prior to formal submission in April 2004. Due to late submission, one draft strategy is still under consideration.	The Minister will report on the formal Local Housing Strategies. Following receipt and analysis this is likely to be in July 2004.
08.16 The Minister agreed to report back to the Committee on the outcome of the consultation on Social Enterprise Action Plans. <b>Communities</b>	Formal consultation ended end November 2003.	

**Second meeting: 21 January 2004**

02.02 The Minister would report back to the Committee on the DARE evaluation once completed. <b>CSU</b>	Evaluation of the DARE programme is complete. Report has been prepared by Estyn and is being considered by Ministers.	Report to Committee early May.
02.05 The Minister agreed to provide the Committee with 2003-04 FY breakdown of the Communities First budget <b>Communities</b>		Summer 2004

02.06 The Minister would provide further clarification police powers in relation to the dispersal and moving on of young people in groups. <b>CSU</b>		<b>Completed.</b> Included in the Minister's report to Committee on 31 March 2004.
02.07 The Minister would advise the Committee of the Fire Service precept as soon as possible. <b>Housing</b>	The three Fire Authority budgets to be provided once finalised	March 2004
02.09 The Minister agreed to consider the issue of gypsy and travellers in relation to the Anti Social Behaviour act as part of WAG's response to the Equal Opps Committee report on service provision for Gypsy and Travellers. <b>CSU/EPU</b>	The Equal Opportunities Committee considered the Welsh Assembly Government's response to the Review on 4 March.	There will shortly be a consultation on draft guidance on unauthorised camping, taking account of the Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003.
02.11 The Minister agreed to provide the Committee with the guidance that would be issued on enforcement in relation to the Housing Bill once available. <b>Housing</b>	Once the bill is enacted guidance on enforcement in the private sector will be drafted.	March 2005.
02.15 The Minister agreed to make representations pertaining to the possible 'Welsh' content in home information packs. <b>Housing</b>	A letter will be prepared for the Minister to write to the Housing Minister when the content of the home information packs is being considered by the ODPM sub group.	Spring 2004

**Third meeting: 11 February 2004**

<p>03.02 The Minister agreed that the secondary legislation relating to Anti social behaviour would be presented to Committee. <b>CSU</b></p>	<p>It has been agreed that the Committee need only consider the secondary legislation relating to the housing provisions as the only Order relating to its areas of responsibility.</p>	<p>As timetabled by the Office Counsel General.</p>
<p>03.03 The Minister agreed to consider the issue of ‘waiting lists’ and the possibility of providing Committee case studies in relation to DFGs. <b>Housing</b></p>	<p>This issue will be considered as part of the adaptations review.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>03.04 The Minister would report back to Committee on the issue of ‘pet fostering’ schemes in relation to Domestic Violence issues. <b>CSU</b></p>	<p>The Minister wrote to the Chair of the Committee on 26 February 2004 indicating that further advice was being sought from Members of the Working Group on Domestic Violence Against Women at their meeting on 16 March 2004.</p>	<p>A report will be included in the Minister’s report to Committee in May 2004.</p>
<p>03.05 The Minister agreed to provide the Committee with an update on the Hidden Harm report. <b>CSU</b></p>	<p>The Advisory Panel on Substance Misuse (ApoSM) met to discuss this on 30 January 2004.</p>	<p>As developments occur the Committee will be kept informed of progress.</p>
<p>03.08 The Minister would update the Committee on the issue of HRA Business Plans. <b>Housing</b></p>	<p>A new Business Plan model has been e-mailed to all LAs to assist them in preparing their plans. Target for submitting 2004-05 Business Plan is 1 April 2004.</p>	<p>The Minister to update Committee during the summer term.</p>
<p>03.10 The Minister agreed to provide a note to Committee on the domestic violence strategy in particular the issue of the age of boys being admitted with their mothers to hostels. <b>CSU</b></p>	<p>This issue has been taken up with Welsh Women’s Aid.</p>	<p>A report will be included in the Minister’s report following receipt of the information from Welsh Women’s Aid.</p>

03.11 The Minister agreed to report back to the Committee on the issue of improved street lighting in relation to CCTV usage. <b>CSU</b>	A comprehensive report is under preparation.	A note will be included in Minister's report to Committee on 12 May.
3.15 The Minister agreed to provide Committee with a report on the work being undertaken by the probation service and NSPCC in relation to male perpetrators. <b>CSU</b>	A presentation was made to the Working Group on Domestic Violence and Violence against Women on 16 March 2004.	A note will be included in Minister's report to Committee on 12 May.
3.17 The Minister would report to Committee on the outcome of her correspondence with WACPO concerning ASB. <b>CSU</b>	Minister has written to ACPO Wales.	Update will be included in the Minister's report to Committee on reply.

**Fifth meeting: 10 March 2004**

05.01 The Minister agreed to update the Committee on the Inland Revenue ruling on VAT relating to sheltered housing. <b>Housing</b>	In hand.	April 2004.
05.02 The Minister would write to the Chair of the Committee with her views on the issue of tax exemptions for second homes. <b>Housing</b>	In hand.	
05.03 The Minister would report back to Committee on issue of what further support can be given to Children; those with mental health problems etc in relation to domestic violence issues. <b>CSU</b>	Further information being obtained.	A note will be included in the Minister's report to the Committee in May 2004.

<p>05.04 The Minister agreed to make enquiries regarding the funding available for counselling schemes such as ‘growing pains’ and ‘rural stress’. <b>CSU</b></p>	<p>Further details about the schemes being obtained.</p>	<p>Will be included in the Minister’s report to Committee in may 2004.</p>
<p>05.05 The Minister would arrange for reports to made available to the Committee from the Business Crime Reduction Officer. <b>CSU</b></p>		<p>Updates to be included in the Minister’s report to Committee on 12 May of action and discussions with Community Safety Partnerships to date.</p>
<p>05.06 The Minister agreed to report to the Committee on the operation undertaken by the Gwent Police Force tackling cannabis misuse. <b>CSU</b></p>	<p>Officials consulting with Gwent Police. A note will be prepared for the Minister to send to Members.</p>	<p>Minister to write to Committee Members following consultation with Gwent Police.</p>
<p>05.07 The Minister agreed to raise the issue of the Gambling Bill with the WLGA and report back to Committee. <b>BU</b></p>	<p>Will be included as an agenda item for the Minister’s next Meeting with Sir Harry Jones on 1 April.</p>	
<p>05.08 The Minister would update the Committee on the issue of affordable housing. <b>Housing</b></p>		<p>Update will be included in Minister’s report to Committee on 12 May.</p>
<p>05.09 The Minister agreed to update the Committee on the participation rates for community pharmacist in West and North Wales. <b>CSU</b></p>	<p>The Minister write to the Minister for Health and Social Services on 4 March 2004.</p>	<p>Update will be included in the Minister’s report to Committee on reply.</p>
<p>05.10 The Minister agreed to update the Committee on recent developments in the housing field. <b>Housing</b></p>	<p>In hand.</p>	
<p>05.11 The Minister agreed to update the Committee on the PODF. <b>Communities</b></p>		<p>Update will be included in Minister’s report to Committee on 12 May.</p>



05.12 The Minister agreed to report to Committee on the issue of funding for Custody Plus. **CSU**

In hand. Officials are investigating.

Update will be included in Minister's report to Committee on 12 May.

05.13 The Minister would consider, in the summer, the cross cutting issues that could be included in the next social justice report and would update the Committee on those deliberations in due course.

**Communities**

Will be included on the first Social Justice Policy Group meeting in April.