

## OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS FROM SJ &amp;R MEETINGS

Action point [lead Division]	Progress	Target completion date
<b>Fourth meeting: 15 October 2003</b>		
4.04 The Minister would consider how to ensure that tenants were fully aware of 'report to tenant' information now in authorities improvement plans. <b>Housing</b>	This issue was briefly discussed at the meeting of the Continuous Improvement in Housing Group in January 2005. The Group agreed they wanted to consider this issue at a future meeting.	Target completion date will be dependent on actions considered at meeting of Continuous Improvement in Housing Group due to take place on 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2005.  Group decided to postpone discussion for fuller consideration at its next meeting (to be arranged).
<b>Eighth meeting: 9 June 2004</b>		
8.07 The Minister agreed to provide a note to Committee on the future of Community Support Officers once Home Office Funding finishes. <b>CSU</b>	Seminar held on 4 July 2005	The Police Liaison Officer has provided the Minister with an outline of a timetable to produce the final report. The report should be available to the Committee ahead of the meeting in December.
<b>Tenth Meeting: 29 September 2004</b>		
10.01 The Minister to consider the issues of reforming the Fire Fighters Pension scheme and transfer of powers associated with setting risk management plans. <b>Housing</b>	The Assembly Government are working with the UK Government on proposals to amend the existing Fire-fighters Pension Scheme and for a new pension scheme for those joining the Fire and Rescue Service from April 2006. Proposals were published in October 2004 and consultation ended on 14 January 2005. Powers associated with Integrated Risk Management Plans (IRMPs) were devolved	The Minister has concluded that the new pensions scheme will commence in Wales during 2007. In advance of that officials are considering the legal, financial and administrative issues that will need to be concluded. The Minister will keep the Committee updated.  The Assembly Government and FRS in Wales are progressing with the development of Attendance Standards

	to the Assembly on 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2004. Fire and Rescue Authorities in Wales are committed to IRMPs as the key component in meeting the Assembly's targets for reducing the numbers of deaths and injuries from fire,	and IRMP Guidance for Wales which will supersede the current ODPM guidance used by the FRS. A discussion on the progress in developing the first stage of this work, Attendance Standards, will take place at the 16 November Committee meeting.
<b>Second Meeting: 23 February 2005</b>		
02.05 The Minister agreed to bring the Terms of Reference for the Community Fire Safety Committee and associated guidance prior to issue. <b>Housing</b>	The Minister wrote to stakeholders on 17 <sup>th</sup> May inviting nominations to sit on the Community Fire Safety Committee (CFSC) and seeking recommendations for its terms of reference. It is proposed that the first CFSC meeting will be to develop the terms of reference.	The CFSC held in inaugural meeting on 28 September when it considered its remit, composition and forward work programme. The Committee felt that it should take a strategic, rather than operational view of CFS activity, when advising the Minister on future priorities and targets arising out of the CFS agenda.  Its first priority will be to consider those recommendations in the earlier Wired for Safety and Up in Flames reports that the Assembly Government have been unable to progress.
<b>Third meeting: 16 March 2005</b>		
03.03 The Minister would discuss with Chief Constables the issue of a publicity campaign on the role of Neighbourhood Wardens and CSOs in comparison to Police Officers. <b>CSU</b>	Seminar held on 4 July 2005	The Police Liaison Officer has provided the Minister with an outline of a timetable to produce the final report. The report should be available to the Committee ahead of the meeting in December.
03.08 The Minister	Recruitment of the 2	The project and

would inform Committee of when results about the Personal Support project for 11-18 year olds would be available. <b>CSU</b>	personal support workers is underway. They are expected to be in post by late summer 2005.	evaluation begins September 2005. Minister will provide further information following the evaluation which is due in September 2006.
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. <b>Housing</b>	The first stage of this review will involve 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.	Draft specification complete. Target completion date: Winter 05/06.
<b>Fourth Meeting : 27 April 2005</b>		
04.06 The Minister would report back to Committee on the work being undertaken by the Housing Corporation on factory built housing. <b>Housing</b>		The Minister will update Committee in November. <b>Completed</b>
04.14 The Minister would update the Committee on the issue of Alcohol related Domestic Violence in due course. <b>CSU</b>	South Wales Police are preparing a report on the links between domestic abuse and alcohol during the rugby season.	South Wales Police has provided tables about domestic abuse incidents related to alcohol. A report is now being prepared and this should be available for Committee in December.
<b>Fifth Meeting: 18 May 2005</b>		
05.08 The Minister agreed that LAs be asked to respond to the letter issued by Housing on the issue of housing for domestic abuse victims. <b>Housing</b>	A letter was sent to all local authority housing departments in Wales on 16 June 2005 reminding them that they should not require direct evidence of violence when persons present to	Several authorities have contacted officials in Housing Directorate requesting an extension to the end of October, as a result an update will be included in the Minister's report to

	them as homeless. A further letter was sent to local authorities on 9 September 2005 reiterating the point made previously and requesting information on their housing and support services for victims of abuse by 30 September 2005.	Committee in December.
<b>Sixth Meeting: 16 June 2005</b>		
06.06 The Minister would report back to Committee on how the All Wales Schools Programme aims to address the issue of how those children not attending school can be re-engaged. <b>CSU</b>	The bid for future development of the programme will be the subject of a meeting between the directors of the programme and CSU officials on 15 <sup>th</sup> November.	The Minister will report back in December.
06.09 The Minister would report to Committee on the issue of whether any teachers spend time with the police to gain a perspective of their role. <b>CSU</b>	This issue will be discussed at 15 <sup>th</sup> November meeting.	Update included in Minister's written report. <b>Completed</b>
<b>Seventh Meeting: 6 July 2005</b>		
07.01 The Minister would provide Committee with a note on the work being carried out in Scotland to combat violent crime. <b>CSU</b>	The Scottish Executive are currently drawing together a comprehensive paper on violent crime through the whole of Scotland which is likely to be completed by the end of October.	Minister will update Committee when paper is published, which is likely to be the end of November.
07.06 The Minister would provide Committee with a further update on the issue of housing for older people. <b>Housing</b>		Update to be provided to Committee in December.
07.08 The Minister to provide a note for Committee on the services on offer and sources of funding available to CABS.	Note being prepared by Citizens Advice Cymru	Minister wrote to Chair with note for circulation on 22 September 2005. <b>Completed</b>

<b>Communities.</b>		
<b>Eighth Meeting: 28 September 2005</b>		
08.04 The Minister agreed to update the Committee on the work being undertaken at a local level to measure and reduce the level of 'the fear of crime'. <b>CSU</b>	Community Safety Plans being reviewed and Partnerships being consulted to prepare a report on activity on measuring and tackling fear of crime.	Update to be included in Minister report to Committee in December 2005.
08.05 The Minister would update the Committee on the issue of connecting to mains supplies in rural areas in relation to HEES. <b>Housing</b>		Update to be included in Minister report to Committee in December 2005.
08.10 The Minister would provide Committee with a paper on Operation Tarian that would include the views of the Chief Constables. <b>CSU</b>		Update included in Minister report. <b>Completed.</b>
<b>Ninth Meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2005</b>		
09.01 The Minister agreed to report back to Committee on the decision to increase the number of specialist Courts in Wales to deal with Domestic Abuse. <b>CSU</b>		Update included in Minister's report. <b>Completed.</b>
09.02 The Minister agreed to send further information to Committee members on the implementation of new standards of Bed and Breakfast and temporary accommodation. <b>Housing Directorate</b>		<b>Completed 20/10</b>
09.03 The Minister would report back to Committee on feedback received from LA's following implementation of the recommendations of the DFG review report.		Minister to provide update to Committee once information received.

<b>Housing Directorate</b>		
09.04 The Minister has agreed to provide Committee with further details of the funding streams that make up the Community Regeneration BEL. <b>Communities</b>		Minister wrote to Chair 02/11 - <b>Completed</b>
09.05 The Minister agreed to take up with the Minister for Health & Social Services the situation regarding Women's Aid and access to health services <b>CSU</b>		Minister wrote to Dr. Brian Gibbons – <b>Completed 2/11</b>
09.06 The Minister to report on the assessment of LA's returns on meeting WHQ standards. <b>Housing</b>		Minister to provide update to Committee once information received. Possibly December.