

Local Government and Public Services Committee

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Date: Thursday 12 January 2006

Venue: Committee Room, 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 spring 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.

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Chair

Local Government & Public Services Committee
Detailed Forward Work Programme - Spring 2006
Meeting Reference: LGPS(2)-01-06

Date	Topic
Thursday 12 January	Subordinate legislation - The Local Government (Whole Authority Analyses and Improvement Plans) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2006 Issues arising from the Licensing Act 2005
	Subordinate legislation – The Local Government (Best Value Authorities) (Power to Trade) (Wales) Order 2006
	Subordinate Legislation – NDR (Alternation of Lists and Appeals (Wales)) Regulation 2006
	Ministers report
	Issues arising from the Licensing Act 2004
	Committee's forward work programme
	Committee Scrutiny Project – Electoral Arrangements – update on progress and agreement of work schedule

Meeting Reference: LGPS(2)-02-06

Date	Topic
Wednesday 25 January	Legislative forward look
	Issues arising from the EU forward work programme
	Spatial Plan
	Beecham Review of local service delivery in Wales – discussion of issues
	Subordinate legislation - The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2005

Meeting Reference: LGPS(2)-03-06

Date	Topic
Thursday 9 February	Minister's Report
	Sir Jeremy Beecham – discussion of issues and progress to date
	Sir Michael Lyons – discussion of revised remit and progress to date
	Electoral Arrangements in Wales – discussion of draft report

Meeting Reference: LGPS(2)-04-06

Date	Topic
Thursday 2 March	Legislative Timetable
	Issues arising from the CRE's report on local authorities in Wales
	Presentation from the Local Government Equalities Unit
	Gypsy and traveller accommodation study
	DDA requirements for local authorities
	Response to the Civil Partnerships Scheme

Meeting Reference: LGPS(2)-05-06

Date	Topic
Wednesday 15 March	Minister's Report
	Business rate relief scheme – outcome of consultation
	Policy agreements – update consideration of outcome of review of first round and input into planning for the third round
	WLGA Report on Partnership Working

Meeting Reference: LGPS(2)-06-06

Date	Topic
Thursday 30 March	Legislative timetable
	Community Strategies – evaluation of outcomes from the research project
	Outcome of three year settlements consultation
	Local authority procurement – Carmarthenshire example of good practice

Items to be included at an appropriate date:

- Making the Connections (relevant follow-up work)
- Lyons Inquiry (relevant updates/follow-up work)
- Beecham Inquiry (update on progress, Committee input)
- Local Government response to the Civil Partnership Regulations.
- Performance measurement framework – outcomes of consultation
- Non Domestic Rate relief – outcome of consultation
- Implications for local authorities of the night time economy initiative

Subordinate legislation:

- 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 Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2006 (4 May).
- Subordinate legislation – 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

Updates to be given in the Minister's report:

- Results of project to assess changes brought about by Past Service Awards
- Report on the outcome of the Taunton Deane pilot on the role of town and community councils in planning decisions
- Wales Spatial Plan
- Council Tax revaluation – progress report – to include progress on appeals, transitional relief and payments to local authorities
- 1% efficiency regime - progress report – to include examples of how it has been used in different authorities and where savings have been made.
- WAG Response to the Lyons Inquiry
- Updates on progress in taking forward the Public Services Management Wales
- Updates on Value Wales