

# Local Government and Public Services Committee

## Minutes (LGPS 02-06(mins))

**Meeting date: Wednesday 25 January 2006**

**Meeting time: 9.30am to 12.00pm**

**Meeting venue: Committee Room 2, National Assembly for Wales**

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Assembly Member	Constituency
Ann Jones (Chair)	Vale of Clwyd
Sue Essex (Minister)	Cardiff North
Michael German OBE	South Wales East
Dai Lloyd	South Wales West
David Melding	South Wales Central
Catherine Thomas	Llanelli
Gwenda Thomas	Neath

### Others in Attendance

Name	Representing (if applicable)	Agenda item (s)
Hugh Rawlings	Director, Local Government, Public Services and Culture Group	5 & 6
John Palmer	Local Government Policy Division	all
Dr Grant Duncan	Strategic Policy Unit	4
Abigail Hogan	Strategic Policy Unit	4
Marion Davies	Strategic Policy Unit	4

Frank Cuthbert	Local Government Democracy Team	5
Dave Brown	Welsh Local Government Association	6

## Committee Service

Name	Job title
Virginia Hawkins	Committee Clerk
Julie Owen	Deputy Committee Clerk

## Item 1: Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.

1.2 Apologies were received from Peter Law. There were no substitutions.

1.3 There were no declarations of interest.

## Item 2: Legislative Forward Look

Paper: LGPS(2)-02-06(p.1)

2.1 The committee did not identify any further items for consideration

### Action:

The Minister to supply information on the progress of previously identified items of legislation.

## Item 3: Issues arising from the EU forward work programme

Paper: LGPS(2)-02-06(p.2)

3.1 The Committee identified a number of items on which they required further information before making a decision on whether further scrutiny would be needed.

### Action

Anna Daniels and Welsh Assembly Government Officials to supply a paper to note on progress on the Working Time Directive and Directive for a single market in services.

MRCS to provide further information on the Public Procurement Interpretive Communication; Emergency Planning and on cross border child protection issues.

The Vehicle Emissions directive on purchasing "green"/clean vehicles to be included on a future agenda.

#### **Item 4: Spatial Plan**

Paper: LGPS(2)-02-06(p.3)

4.1 The committee received a report on progress of the first year of the Wales Spatial Plan

##### **Action:**

Minister to send note on work being done on climate change in Environment Minister's portfolio

Minister to update committee on Plan's progress at regular intervals

#### **Item 5: The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2005**

Paper: LGPS(2)-02-06(p.4)

5.1 The Committee accepted the regulations without amendment.

##### **Action**

The Chair would write to the Business Committee informing them of the Committee's decision.

#### **Item 6: Beecham Review of local service delivery in Wales**

Paper: LGPS(2)-02-06(p.3)

6.1 The Committee discussed the WLGA response to the Beecham Review, and agreed the structure of how they would respond to the Review as a committee and how they would handle the session at the next meeting with Sir Jeremy Beecham.

##### **Action**

Clerk to draft a list of issues and questions for meeting on 9 February.

#### **Item 7: Any other business**

The Chair gave a brief report of the recent visit to the House of Lords to brief Baroness Gale, Lord Livsey and Lord Roberts of Llandudno on the Electoral Administration Bill

## **Papers to note**

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2006 were agreed.

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