

Local Government & Public Services Committee

Agenda (LGPS(2)-10-06)

Meeting date: Wednesday 21 June 2006

Meeting time: 9.30am to 12.30pm

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

Item 1: Introduction, apologies and declarations of interest (9.30 - 9.35am)

Item 2: Local Authorities' response to the Civil Partnerships Regulations (9.35 – 10.10am)

Paper:	LGPS(2)-10-06(p.1) – WLGA Briefing on Civil Partnerships LGPS(2)-10-06(p.2) – Stonewall Cymru report on Local Authorities response
Purpose:	To consider Local Authorities' response to the Civil Partnerships Regulations
In attendance:	Naomi Alleyne, Welsh Local Government Association Susan Perkins, Welsh Local Government Associatio Della Masters, Superintendent Registrar, Caerphilly County Borough Council Matthew Batten, Stonewall Cymru

Item 3: Subordinate legislation - The Sex Discrimination (Public Authorities) (Statutory Duties) Order 2006 (10.10 – 10.25pm)

Paper:	LGPS(2)-10-06(p.3)
Purpose:	The Committee will scrutinise the Sex Discrimination (Public Authorities) (Statutory Duties) Order 2006
Officials in attendance:	Peter Jones, Counsel to the Assembly Parliamentary Service Hugh Rawlings, Director of Local Government, Public Services and Culture Group

Item 4: Local Government Partnership Scheme Annual Report 2005-06 (10.25 – 10.30)

Papers:	LGPS(2)-10-06(p.4)
Purpose:	To consider the Local Government Partnership Scheme Annual Report for 2004-05
Officials in attendance:	Hugh Rawlings, Director of Local Government, Public Services and Culture Group

Item 5: Electoral Registration in Wales (10.30 – 11.10)

Paper:	LGPS(2)-10-06(p.5) – Electoral Commission Report LGPS(2)-10-06(p.6) – Electoral Registration figures for Wales
Purpose:	To consider an Electoral Commission report summarising the position on electoral registration in Wales
Officials in attendance:	Glyn Mathias, Electoral Commissioner Heulyn Gwyn, Principal Officer, Electoral Commission Wales Office Hugh Rawlings, Director of Local Government, Public Services and Culture Group Frank Cuthbert, Local Government Policy Division

The Committee will break from 11.10 – 11.25am

Item 6: Committee's Budget Priorities for 2007-08 (11.25 – 11.45am)

Papers:	LGPS(2)-10-06(p.7)
Purpose:	To consider the Committee's priorities for the Draft Assembly Budget for 2007-08
Officials in attendance:	Hugh Rawlings, Director of Local Government, Public Services and Culture Group Robert Hay, Local Government Finance Division

Item 7: Progress on Local Authorities Business Growth Incentives Scheme (LABGI)

(11.45am – 12.05pm)

Paper:	LGPS(2)-10-06(p.8)
Purpose:	To receive a progress report on LABGI
Officials in attendance:	Hugh Rawlings, Director of Local Government, Public Services and Culture Group David Fletcher, Local Government Finance Division

Item 8: Progress on the Swansea BID (Business Improvement District) (12.05 – 12.25pm)

Paper:	LGPS(2)-10-06(p.9)
Purpose:	To receive a progress report on the Swansea BID
In attendance:	Hugh Rawlings, Director of Local Government, Public Services and Culture Group David Fletcher, Local Government Finance Division

Papers to note

The Electoral Administration Bill - an update
LGPS(2)-10-06(p.10)

Subject Committees' Strategic Forward Work Programmes and Annual Reports
LGPS(2)-10-06(p.11)

Report of Meeting with Sir Michael Lyons held on 8 June
LGPS(2)-10-06(p.12)

Minutes of the meeting on 17 May
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