

# The South Wales Central Regional Committee

## SWCRC 03-06

**Meeting date: Friday 10 November 2006**

**Meeting time: 10:00 am – 12.30pm**

**Meeting venue: Soar Centre (Soar Ffrwdamos Chapel), Tylacelyn Road, Penygraig CF40 1JZF**

### Background Paper

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### Social Justice And Regeneration Committee

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 4 October 2006
<b>Time:</b>	9.30am – 12.30pm
<b>Venue:</b>	Senedd, National Assembly for Wales

### Policy Review: Youth Homelessness – Terms of Reference

#### Purpose

1. This paper advises the Committee of the suggested terms of reference for the policy review on youth homelessness.

#### Discussion

2. The Committee received a scoping paper from the Welsh Assembly Government for consideration at Committee on 21 September. Unfortunately, time did not permit for a full discussion and the Chair agreed that the Clerk would meet with Members out of committee to discuss the issues suggested for the review. As a result of this, the following draft terms of reference have been prepared:

To consider the issues surrounding youth homelessness in Wales in particular:

- The provision of services for young homeless people by local authorities and the voluntary

sector, including the identification of good practice;

- The role of local authorities in applying relevant legislation to youth homelessness issues, including the identification of good practice;  
To make recommendations.

The review will draw on the experiences of young homeless people, seeking their views on the risk indicators for homelessness, the quality and availability of services for homeless young people and models of participation.

Three of the Assembly's Regional Committees will take evidence on issues relating to their area within the above term of reference (e.g. rural youth homelessness, provision of bilingual services, seasonal youth homelessness, youth homelessness in Objective 1 areas).

The Committee will receive evidence at its meetings on 8 November and 6 December and will also take evidence through rapporteur groups from young homeless people.

3. It is anticipated that the draft report will be circulated out of Committee early in the New Year and that agreement on the final version be sought at Committee on 18 January 2007. This will enable any final changes to be made before the Report is published in advance of the scheduled Plenary debate on 7 February 2007. By holding the debate then there will be time in the current Assembly for the Minister to respond to the Report in Plenary

## **Recommendation**

3. That the Committee agrees the terms of reference for the review and notes the timings for evidence gathering and publication of the Report.

**Janice Gregory AM**  
**Committee Chair**