

Communities and Culture Committee

Concise Committee Minute: CC(3)-04-11 : Thursday 17 February 2011

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Time: 8.59 – 10.39

Venue: Committee Room 2, Senedd, National Assembly for Wales

Assembly Members in attendance

Sandy Mewies, Delyn (Chair)
Mohammad Asghar, South Wales East
Rosemary Butler, Newport West
Veronica German, South Wales East
Mark Isherwood, North Wales
Bethan Jenkins, South Wales West
Dai Lloyd, South Wales West
Val Lloyd, Swansea East
Lynne Neagle, Torfaen

Witnesses

Carl Sargeant AM, Minister for Social Justice and Local Government (Items 2 and 3)
Karin Phillips, Deputy Director of Community Safety Division (Item 2)
Jason Lintern, Head of Youth Justice and Domestic Abuse branch (Item 2)
Wendy Thomas, Policy Manager, Voluntary Sector Unit (Item 3)
Paul Dunhill, Voluntary Sector Unit (Item 3)

Committee staff

Tom Jackson, Clerk
Sarah Bartlett, Deputy Clerk

1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions (8.59 – 9.00)

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee members and members of the public.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Eleanor Burnham, Alun Davies and Joyce Watson. Veronica German substituted for Eleanor Burnham and Rosemary Butler and Val Lloyd substituted for Alun Davies and Joyce Watson respectively.
- 1.3 Val Lloyd declared that her spouse is a Member of the South Wales Police Authority.

2: Scrutiny of Welsh Government update on implementation of recommendations of Communities and Culture Committee's December 2008 report on Domestic Abuse (9.00 – 9.39)

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2.1 The Committee scrutinised the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government on the implementation of recommendations of the Communities and Culture report on Domestic Abuse.

Actions

The Clerk was asked to send the Minister the briefing received by the Committee from Welsh Women's Aid on 16 February 2011.
The Minister was asked to notify the Committee a date for the roll out of the Family Support Teams had been determined.

3: Scrutiny of Welsh Government written update on implementation of recommendations of Communities and Culture Committee's May 2008 report on Funding of Voluntary Sector Organisations (9.39 – 10.09)

3.1 The Committee scrutinised the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government on the implementation of recommendations of the Communities and Culture report on Funding of Voluntary Sector Organisations.

Actions

The Minister was asked to send the Committee a copy of the Third Sector sub group report which is due at the end of March.
The Minister to provide a note to Committee on gender budgeting.

4: Motion under Standing Order 10.37 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for Items 5 and 6 (10.09)

4.1 The Chair moved a motion, under Standing Order 10.37(ix), to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting, to discuss matters relating to the Committee's internal business

4.2 The Committee agreed to the motion.

5: Inquiry into the potential impact of the UK Government's Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill for community safety in Wales

5.1. The Committee agreed that the report would reflect- through the inclusion of appropriate footnotes- that two Members of the Committee (Mark Isherwood AM and Mohammad Asghar AM) opposed the inclusion of 2 recommendations in the report.

5.2 Subject to this inclusion of footnotes, the Committee agreed the report.

6: Discussion of the work and processes of the Communities and Culture Committee during the third Assembly

6.1 The Committee discussed the work and processes of the Committee during the third Assembly and made suggestions of topics for inclusion in the legacy report.

6.2 The Committee resolved that its draft legacy report would be considered at the next meeting.

7: Papers noted

CC(3)-04-11 (p3) - Committee forward work programme

CC(3)-04-11 (p4) – Correspondence from the Deputy Minister following meeting on 13 January

CC(3)-03-11- Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 3 February

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