

Local Government and Public Services Committee

Minutes (LGPS 05-06(mins))

Meeting date: Wednesday 15 March 2006

Meeting time: 9.30am to 12.25pm

Meeting venue: Committee Room 3, Assembly Office, 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	all
Mike Chown	Local Government Finance Division	2 & 5
John Palmer	Local Government Policy Division	all
David Fletcher	Local Government Finance Division	2

Lisa James	Local Government Finance Division	5
Stephen Phipps	Local Government Policy Division	7
Steve Pomeroy	Local Government Policy Division	4
Ian Thomas	Local Government Policy Division	6

Committee Service

Name	Job title
Virginia Hawkins	Committee Clerk
Catherine Lewis	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 No apologies or substitutions were received.

1.3 There were no declarations of interest.

1.4 The Chair welcomed Catherine Lewis, who had taken over the role of Deputy Committee Clerk, and thanked Julie Owen who had previously undertaken the role.

Item 2: Minister's Report

Paper: LGPS(2)-05-06(p.1)

2.1 The Minister gave an update on the first meeting of the National Steering Group on the Wales Spatial Plan, which was held on 9 March.

Action:

- Minister to provide a paper to Committee on the revaluation process.
- Minister to provide a paper to Committee setting out additional information on the Wales Programme for Improvement.
- Minister to provide a paper to Committee following officials' meeting with local authority treasurers on LABGI.
- Minister to provide details of the political nature of local authority scrutiny Committee Chairs.

- Minister to provide the brief for the research being undertaken in to the role of elected members.

Item 3: Secondary Legislation Forward Look

Paper: LGPS(2)-05-06(p.2)

3.1 The committee did not identify any further items for consideration.

Item 4: Performance Measurement Framework – Outcomes of consultation

Paper: LGPS(2)-05-06(p.3)

4.1 The committee discussed the outcomes of the consultation, and agreed to hold a further discussion ahead of any future changes to the performance indicators.

Item 5: WAG response to the Lyons Inquiry

Paper: LGPS(2)-05-06(p.4)

5.1 The committee discussed the Welsh Assembly Government's response to the Lyons Inquiry.

Item 6: Gypsy / traveller accommodation study

Paper: LGPS(2)-05-06(p.5)

6.1 The Committee discussed the paper on the Gypsy / traveller accommodation study.

Action:

- The paper to be forwarded to members of the Equality of Opportunities Committee.
- Minister to provide a summary of the report carried out into the physical condition of local authority Gypsy / Traveller sites.
- Minister to report back to Committee following the seminar being held in May.

Item 7: One Voice Wales

7.1 Councillor David Street outlined the organisations' achievements since its establishment.

7.2 Members questioned the representatives on their presentation.

Papers to note

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Minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2006 were noted.

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