

# Rural Development Sub-committee

## Minutes (RDC(3)-07-08)

**Date: 7 May 2008**

**Time: 9:00 - 10:10**

**Venue: Committee Room 2, Senedd**

Assembly Members in Attendance  
Alun Davies (Chair), Mid and West Wales  
Mike German, South Wales East  
Alun Ffred Jones, Arfon  
Brynle Williams, North Wales

### Committee Service

Claire Morris, Clerk  
Joanne Clinton, Deputy Clerk

### Others in attendance

Harry Thomas, Chief Executive, Gwynedd Council  
Naomi Alleyne, Director of Equalities and Social Justice, Welsh Local Government Association  
Steve Thomas, Chief Executive, Welsh Local Government Association

### Item 1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Mick Bates and Lorraine Barrett. Mike German attended the meeting as substitute for Mick Bates.

### Item 2: Inquiry into poverty and deprivation in rural Wales: evidence session

#### Papers: RDC(3)-07-08 (p1)

2.1 The Chair welcomed to the meeting Naomi Alleyne and Steve Thomas from the Welsh Local Government Association and Harry Thomas from Gwynedd Council, and invited them to introduce their written submissions. Members questioned the witnesses.

2.2 The witnesses agreed to provide a written note on their views of 'The Bramley Report' on Alternative Resource Allocation Models for Local Services in Wales, and on the types of research that should be commissioned in order to show the full extent and nature of poverty and deprivation in rural Wales.