

Social Justice and Regeneration Committee

Minutes (SJR(2)-04-06)

Meeting date: Thursday 2 March 2006

Meeting time: 9.30am – 12.45pm

Meeting venue: National Assembly for Wales

Assembly Members in Attendance

Assembly Member	Constituency
Janice Gregory (Chair)	Ogmore
Mick Bates	Montgomeryshire
Mark Isherwood	North Wales
Laura Anne Jones	South Wales East
Huw Lewis	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Leanne Wood	South Wales Central

Officials in Attendance

Name	Job title
Kathryn Potter	Members' Research Service
Steve Boyce	Members' Research Service

Others in Attendance

Name	Representing (if applicable)	Agenda item(s)

Chris Woolley	South Wales Crown Prosecution Service	5
Paul Allsopp	Mid and West Fire and Rescue Authority	6
Sue Jones	North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority	6
Chris Enness	North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority	6
Victoria Gregory	South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority	6
Roz Williamson	Carers Wales	7
Francesca Montemaggi	Carers Wales	7
Janet John	RNIB Cymru	8
Stuart Davies	RNIB Cymru	8

Committee Service

Name	Job title
Roger Chaffey	Committee Clerk
Claire Griffiths	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 Apologies were received from Sandy Mewies. There was no substitution

1.3 There were no declarations of interest

1.4 A verbatim record of the meeting is available

Item 2: Minutes of the previous meeting

Papers: SJR(2)-03-06 (min)

The Committee ratified the minutes from the meeting on 9 February 2006

Item 3: EU Legislation

Paper: SJR(2)-04-06(p.1) Annex

The paper was noted. Committee agreed to receive an update once a term on progress with the identified areas of interest to SJR Committee.

Item 4: Human Trafficking

Paper: SJR(2)-04-06(p.2) Annex

Members agreed to consider the issues and submit comments to the Chair at the meeting scheduled for 15 March 2006.

Item 5: Crown Prosecution Service

Paper: SJR(2)-04-06(p.3)

Members received a presentation from Chris Woolley, Chief Crown Prosecutor, South Wales CPS on the "No Witness – No Justice" Scheme.

Actions

Chris Woolley to send details of the Witness Management System to the Chair

The Chair to write to the Home Office in support of this scheme

Item 6: Welsh Fire and Rescue Services Equality Schemes

Paper: SJR(2)-04-06(p.4)

Members received a presentation from Paul Allsopp – Mid and West Fire and Rescue Authority, Sue Jones and Chris Enness – North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority and Victoria Gregory – South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority on their equality schemes.

Action

The Secretariat to schedule an update on this item at an appropriate time and invite Chris Myant from the Commission for Racial Equality to attend

Item 7: Carers Wales

Paper: SJR(2)-04-06(p.5)

Members received a presentation from Roz Williamson and Francesca Montemaggi from Carers Wales on Carers and Social Exclusion.

Action

The Chair to write to the Chairs of Economic Development and Transport, Health and Social Services and Equality of Opportunity Committees suggesting they make time on their agendas to receive this presentation

Item 8: RNIB Cymru

Paper: SJR(2)-02-06(p.6)

Members received a presentation from Janet John and Stuart Davies from RNIB Cymru on the work the organisation has undertaken on housing adaptations.