

Social Justice and Regeneration Committee

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Date:	Thursday 2 March 2006
Time:	9.30am to 12.30pm
Venue:	The National Assembly for Wales

Social Justice and Regeneration Committee - Protocol for committee scrutiny and action on EU Policy

Purpose

1. This paper advises the Committee of the Protocol for committee scrutiny and action on EU Policy

Background

2. Members received a paper from MRS on the European Union Policy and Legislative Priorities for 2006 at its meeting on 25 January. During the discussion, Members asked for a research paper showing the implications for the powers that the Assembly currently has and in particular the powers that the Assembly will have with the new Government of Wales Act.

3. At Annex 1 is a paper on the Protocol for committee scrutiny and action on EU Policy prepared for Panel of Chairs in April 2005. Annex 2 is a more detailed research paper for Assembly Committees to scrutinise and engage with the EU's decision-making progress.

Recommendation

3. That the Committee notes the protocol for committee scrutiny and action on EU Policy.

4. It is proposed that Committee receive a paper once a term on progress with the identified areas of interest to Social Justice and Regeneration Committee, namely Rights of the Child, Drugs policy, Alcohol-related crime and Postal services.

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