

Social Justice and Regeneration Committee

Minutes (SJR(2)-05-06)

Meeting date: Wednesday 15 March 2006

Meeting time: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Meeting venue: National Assembly for Wales

Assembly Members in Attendance

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

Officials in Attendance

Name	Job title
Emyr Roberts	Director – Social Justice & Regeneration Department
Linda Whittaker	Director of Housing
Trish Fretton	Communities Directorate
Peter Jones	Community Safety Unit

Others in Attendance

Name	Representing (if applicable)	Agenda item(s)
Joan Asby	Pembrokeshire Local Action Network for Enterprise and Development	7
John Bennett	Pack-IT	7
Simon Harris	Social Enterprise Network	7
Phil Jarrold	Welsh Council for Voluntary Action	7
Menna Jones	Antur Waunfawr	7
Peter Williams	Development Trusts Association Wales	7

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 There were no substitutions.

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)-04-06 (min)

The Committee ratified the minutes from the meeting on 2 March 2006.

Item 3: Minister's Report

Paper: SJR(2)-05-06(p.1) Annex

Actions

The Minister agreed to return to Committee with further details on treatment services for crack cocaine users

The Minister agreed to pursue concerns raised about funding for women's aid groups from local authorities and report back to Committee

The Minister agreed that her next written report would contain a section on the British Irish Council meeting held on 2/3 March

The Minister agreed to advise Committee on the estimated increase of funding required for the inclusion of oil fired central heating in the HEES Scheme

The Minister agreed to include regular updates in her ministerial report on developments surrounding post office issues

The Minister agreed to report back to Committee on the number of winter deaths and issue concerning vulnerable children

The Minister agreed to ask the Police Liaison Officer to report on the effects of Operation Tarian on adjoining police forces, including the North Wales Force

The Chair agreed to write to the Minister with Committee's views on the review of the Child Support Agency

The Chair agreed to write to the Minister with Committee's views on the Legal Services Commission

Item 4: Iaith Pawb

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

The paper was noted

Item 5: Forward Work Programme

Paper: SJR(2)-05-06(p.3) Annex

The paper was noted.

Action

The Secretariat to schedule an item on planning in conjunction with the Minister for Environment, Planning and the Countryside

Item 6: Secondary Legislation

Paper: SJR(2)-05-06(p.4) Annex 1, 2

Action

The Minister agreed to send a note explaining the current situation on the Mobile Homes Regulations 2005

Item 7: Social Enterprise

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

The Chair welcomed Simon Harris from the Social Enterprise Network,

John Bennett from Pack-IT, Menna Jones from Antur Waunfawr,

Joan Asby from Pembrokeshire Local Action Network for Enterprise and Development, Phil Jarrold from the Welsh Council for Voluntary Action and

Peter Williams from the Development Trusts Association Wales. The Committee received presentations on social enterprises and entered into a question and answer session with the presenters.

Action

The Chair to write to the Minister seeking clarification on procurement rules and whether she is looking at community Right to Buy as part of her on-going work on Community Land Trusts