

# Social Justice & Regeneration Committee

## SJR(2)-09-06(p1) Annex 2

**Date:** Thursday 8 June 2006

**Time:** 1.30pm-4.30pm

**Venue:** National Assembly for Wales

**Title:** Outstanding Action Points from S J & R meetings

<b>Action point</b>  <b>[lead Division]</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Target completion date</b>
<b>Third meeting: 16 March 2005</b>		
03.08 The Minister would inform Committee of when results about the Personal Support project for 11-18 year olds would be available.  <b>Community Safety Division</b>	Recruitment of the 2 personal support workers has now been completed and both were in post by the end of 2005.	The project and evaluation began September 2005. Minister will provide further information following the evaluation, which is due in September 2006.
03.13 The Minister would provide a report for Committee on the implementation of recommendation 19 of the policy review on housing for older people.  <b>Housing Directorate</b>	The first stage of this review will involve a research study to: examine the current provision of accommodation for older people in Wales; assess the appropriateness of current provision for current and future occupants; and appraise how the economy of accommodation provision will need to respond to the changing needs and demands of older people.	Consultants have been appointed. Target completion Summer 2006.
<b>Seventh Meeting: 6 July 2005</b>		

<p>07.10 Minister agreed to report back on the success of the publicity arrangement for the Equity Release Schemes.</p> <p><b>Housing Directorate.</b></p>	<p>Care &amp; Repair Cymru's Publicity material on Equity Release, which includes a DVD, was launched by the Minister on 05 April.</p>	<p>Completed.</p>
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**Ninth Meeting: 20 October 2005**

<p>09.03 The Minister would report back to Committee on feedback received from LAs following implementation of the recommendations of the DFG review report.</p> <p><b>Housing Directorate</b></p>		<p>Completed.</p>
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**Tenth Meeting: 16 November 2005**

<p>10.02 The Minister agreed to provide an update on the CAFCASS pensions issue.</p> <p><b>Emyr Roberts</b></p>		<p>Committee to be informed as soon as issue is resolved.</p>
<p>10.07 The Minister agreed to report annually over the next 3 years on the impact of the Homelessness Strategy</p> <p><b>Housing Directorate</b></p>		<p>Early 2007 with a progress report to be included as part of paper to Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> July.</p>

10.08 The Minister agreed to share the research into causes of homelessness with Committee when available in the new year

**Housing Directorate**

Update to be included as part of a paper to Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

10.09 The Minister will report to Committee on progress of the rural observatory.

**Housing Directorate**

Draft report to be available by the end of March - progress report during the Summer.

**11<sup>th</sup> Meeting: 8 December 2005**

11.02 The Minister to undertake a mapping exercise on service provision (including security/benefits/adaptations/public utilities energy action schemes) through Care and Repair and other agencies across Wales and report back.

**Housing Directorate**

The first meeting between the steering group and the contractors is scheduled for 19 June, and the project will be completed by the end of December 2006.

11.05 The Minister to provide information on the project being undertaken with the RNIB relating to housing and the visually impaired.

**Housing Directorate**

Completed.

<p>11.09 The Minister to provide an update on Community Land Trust issues.</p> <p><b>Housing Directorate</b></p>		<p>Paper to be presented to Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>Completed.</p>
<p>1st Meeting: 12 January 2006</p>		
<p>01.14 The Minister agreed to update Committee on progress on the Homelessness Strategy and unfit homes in the Private Sector</p> <p><b>Housing Directorate</b></p>		<p>Unfit homes information to be circulated to Committee in due course.</p>
<p>01.26 The Domestic Abuse Working Group to consider the provision of counselling services.</p> <p><b>Community Safety Division</b></p>		<p>The Minister wrote to Committee in April 2006. A further update will be given to Committee following the next Working Group on Domestic Abuse to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2006.</p>
<p>01.27 The Minister agreed to look at the statistical data available for an evaluation of the Domestic Abuse Strategy.</p> <p><b>Community Safety Division</b></p>	<p>Officials are currently examining data sources including Helpline, Police Incident, Crown Prosecution Service and British Crime Survey Data. It will take time before any trends emerge.</p>	<p>The Minister will update Committee in July when it is anticipated that trends will have emerged.</p>

<p>01.28 The Minister agreed to look into the possibility of Care &amp; Repair providing a service for tenants in the social housing sector as well as owner-occupiers.</p> <p><b>Housing Directorate</b></p>	<p>Currently in discussion with Care &amp; Repair Cymru to explore the potential for cross-tenure involvement.</p>	<p>Completed.</p>
<p>01.29 The Minister agreed to provide an update on the Housing for Older People Policy Review recommendations,12-14, equity release issues.</p> <p><b>Housing Directorate</b></p>	<p>Update provided on 12 February. See also action point 7.10</p>	<p>Regularly</p>
<p>01.30 The Domestic Abuse Working Group to consider the availability of refuge spaces.</p> <p><b>Housing Directorate</b></p>		<p>At the meeting of the Working Group in March, Welsh Women’s Aid agreed to carry out a survey across Wales to provide the information and agreed to report back in June.</p>
<p><b>2nd Meeting: 9 February 2006</b></p>		
<p>02.03 The Minister agreed to update Committee on continued discussions between the Forestry Commission and local authorities on the release of land for housing.</p> <p><b>Housing Directorate</b></p>		<p>Report back to Committee in July</p>

<p>02.11 The Minister agreed to consider and report back to Committee on impact assessments for housing stock transfers and property for rent schemes.</p> <p><b>Housing Directorate</b></p>		<p>Completed</p>
<p>02.12 The Minister agreed to report to Committee on Homebuy when she had concluded her discussions.</p> <p><b>Housing Directorate</b></p>		<p>Report back to Committee in July</p>
<p>02.13 The Minister agreed to provide a note for Committee on the equity share scheme.</p> <p><b>Housing Directorate</b></p>	<p>Linked to action 02.14</p>	<p>Completed</p>
<p>02.14 The Minister agreed to provide a note for Committee on the use of income generated by RSL schemes.</p> <p><b>Housing Directorate</b></p>		<p>Completed</p>
<p>02.15 The Minister agreed to consider strategic linkages and statistics for inclusion in the next sustainable development report to Committee.</p> <p><b>Business Unit</b></p>		<p>Committee Paper due in Spring Term.</p>

### 3rd Meeting: 15 March 2006

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

**Housing Directorate**

The Minister wrote to Leanne Wood AM on 24<sup>th</sup> May. Report to Committee in July

03.04 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.

**Housing Directorate**

July 2006

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

**Communities Directorate**

Regularly

03.06 The Minister agreed to report back to Committee on the statistical data relating to winter deaths.

**Housing Directorate.**

Officials are consulting with Health colleagues on available research that would relate excess winter deaths to housing conditions.

July 2006

03.07 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.

**Community Safety Division**

Completed.

**4th Meeting: 03 May 2006**

04.01 The Minister agreed to write to Committee on the issues raised in her oral update covering Police Restructuring, including the letter she intends to send to the Home Secretary on the precept issues.

**Community Safety Division**

Letter sent 03-05-06

Completed

04.02 The Minister agreed to take up the issues concerning Bridgend Local Authority in terms of homelessness as a result of migrant workers and report back to Committee. Minister to write to Leader of Bridgend for details of these issues.

**Housing Directorate**

Completed.



04.03 The Minister agreed to revisit the figures for crack cocaine misuse in six months time to see if there has been a change.

**Community Safety Division.**

November 2006

04.04 The Minister agreed to circulate the draft regulations on Home Information Packs together with a note on the issues she is concerned with when received from the ODPM.

**Housing Directorate**

Completed.

04.05 The Minister said her officials would look at lobbying on the house contract systems and she would report back. The Minister agreed to write to the UK Government

**Housing Directorate.**

Completed.

04.06 The Minister agreed to include a section on the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation in her paper on Communities First in July.

**Communities Directorate**

July 2006

04.07 The [Deputy] Minister agreed to update Committee on a six-monthly basis on the progress on the Child Poverty Implementation Plan.

**Communities  
Directorate.**

November 2006