

# Social Justice and Regeneration Committee

## Minutes (SJR(2)-11-06)

**Meeting date: Thursday 6 July 2006**

**Meeting time: 9.30am – 12.05pm**

**Meeting venue: White Rose Information and Resources Centre, New Tredegar**

### Assembly Members in Attendance

<b>Assembly Member</b>	<b>Constituency</b>
Janice Gregory (Chair)	Ogmore
Mick Bates	Montgomeryshire
Edwina Hart (Minister)	Gower
Mark Isherwood	North Wales
Huw Lewis	Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney
Sandy Mewies	Delyn
Leanne Wood	South Wales Central

### Officials in Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Job title</b>
Emyr Roberts	Director – Social Justice & Regeneration Department
Linda Whittaker	Director of Housing
Jo Jordan	Director of Community Safety Unit
Anne Stephenson	Director of Communities Directorate
Paul Dear	Communities Directorate
Dafydd Ifans	Chief Executive, CAF/CASS Cymru
Alison Davies	CAF/CASS Cymru

## Committee Service

Name	Job title
Virginia Hawkins	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 The Chair welcomed Malephallo Mohasoa, a Committee Clerk from Lesotho who is shadowing the Clerking team

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

Paper: SJR(2)-11-06 (min)

The Committee ratified the minutes from the meeting on 21 June 2006.

### Item 3: Minister's Report

Paper: SJR(2)-11-06(p.1) Annexes 1 - 10

### Actions

The Minister agreed to circulate a note to Committee Members on the new building statistics published on 21 June 2006

The Minister agreed to send a note to Committee Members on the 5th round of bids under the Home Office Connected Fund

The Minister agreed to send a note to Committee Members outlining concerns about the housing provisions in the Welfare Reform Bill

The Minister agreed to include an update in her next written report on future developments with the HEES Scheme (to include microgeneration and changes to the categories of works and maximum amount of grant)

The Minister agreed to check what further information is available on winter deaths and report back to Committee

The Chair agreed to write to the Secretary of State about the NAW being excluded from discussions about the future merger of the Welsh Police Forces

The Secretariat to schedule a presentation from the Probation Service

#### **Item 4: Budget Planning Round 2006**

Paper: SJR(2)-11-06(p.2)

The paper was noted

#### **Actions**

The Minister agreed to include the draft of the Homebuy Review with her next written report

The Chair to write to the Minister following the Committee discussion on the budget planning round

#### **Item 5: Voluntary Sector Scheme Annual Report 2006**

Paper: SJR(2)-11-06(p.3) Annex

The paper was noted

#### **Action**

The Minister agreed to include updates in her written reports on the impact of her Ministerial meetings with the Voluntary Sector would also write to her Cabinet colleagues suggesting they did likewise

#### **Item 6: Autumn Forward Work Programme and Policy Review Update**

Paper: SJR(2)-11-06(p.4) Annex 1, 2

The Programme was agreed. It was agreed that Committee would prefer to undertake a review rather than a scoping study on youth homelessness.

#### **Action**

The Minister said she would ask her officials to prepare a scoping paper on youth homelessness for

the Committee to consider as part of a possible future policy review (to include factual information/ data and suggestions on the type of groups/organisations the Committee could take evidence from.

### **Item 7: Secondary Legislation**

Paper: SJR(2)-11-06(p.5) Annex 1, 2

The paper was noted

### **Item 8: CAF/CASS Cymru Annual Report**

Paper: SJR(2)-11-06(p.6) Annex

The paper was noted

### **Actions**

The Minister to obtain an update CAF/CASS pensions issue

The Minister agreed to include in her next written report details of the roles, responsibilities and composition of the Advisory Committee for CAF/CASS Cymru which is being set up.

### **Item 9: Communities First**

Paper: SJR(2)-11-06(p.7) Annex A, B

The paper was noted