

Social Justice and Regeneration Committee

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Date:Thursday 6 July 2006

Time:9.30am – 12.30pm

Venue:White Rose Information and Resource Centre, New Tredegar

Title: Draft Work Programme for the Autumn Term 2006

Purpose

To invite the Committee to comment on and agree the proposed work programme for the autumn term 2006 (Annex 1) and note the issues paper on the policy review on Substance Misuse: Prevention (Annex 2).

Background

Standing Order 9.9 requires subject committees to maintain a rolling programme of work covering periods of at least 12 months. The programme has been compiled from suggestions from Members, action points and items from the Welsh Assembly Government.

MRS have compiled an issues paper on the policy review to update Members on where we are with the review and the proposals for the way forward to complete the evidence taking within the timescales as set out in the draft forward work programme. Over the summer recess, the Secretariat will compile a list of organisations to attend Committee to give evidence and also any visits which Members which to undertake.

Discussion

As you know, Plenary voted to accept the revised structure of committees meeting fortnightly with no additional slots from January 2006. The draft programme has been prepared on the basis that the Minister will present a written report at every other meeting together with any Government papers she wishes to bring and have scheduled policy review work and presentations into the alternate weeks.

The draft programme includes scope for presentations from organisations which members had expressed an interest in and consideration has been taken of the Minister's need to inform, consult and receive the views of the Committee on certain topics.

The Chair has indicated that Committee will meet outside Cardiff Bay this term and has indicated that the meeting on 23 November will be held in the Newport area.

The Committee is invited to comment on the draft work programme for the autumn term and to indicate any additional items they would wish to see included.

Copies of the agreed Forward Work Programme will be circulated to Chairs of Subject Committees in accordance with Standing Order 9.9.

Action

9. To agree the Forward Work programme for the autumn term 2006 and note the issues paper on the policy review.

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