

Social Justice and Regeneration Committee

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Outstanding Actions from SJ&R Committee

Action point [lead Division]	Progress	Target completion date
Third meeting: 16 March 2005		
<p>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. Housing Directorate</p>	<p>The first stage of this review involved 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. A Synthesis Report will be available for the Social Justice and Regeneration Committee in October 2006. This will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An appraisal of existing provision of accommodation for Older People 2. An outline of future demand for accommodation 3. Future Implications for the supply of accommodation 4. Policy recommendations 	<p>Scheduled presentation to Committee on 15th February.</p>

10th Meeting: 16 November 2005

10.07 The Minister agreed to report annually over the next 3 years on the impact of the Homelessness Strategy. Housing Directorate

Progress report to Committee as part of written report on 6 July.

Annual report scheduled early 2007.

11th 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

By agreement with the project steering group the completion date for this mapping study is now March 2007. A progress report will be provided to the SJR committee meeting on 15 February

1st Meeting: 12 January 2006

01.27 The Minister agreed to look at the statistical data available for an evaluation of the Domestic Abuse Strategy. Community Safety Division

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.

The Minister wrote to Committee on 16th November 2006. Further updates will be provided at regular intervals as data becomes available.

01.29 The Minister agreed to provide an update on the Housing for Older People Policy Review recommendations, 12-14, equity release issues. Housing Directorate	Also see action point 7.10.	Regularly
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2nd Meeting: 9 February 2006

02.15 The Minister agreed to consider strategic linkages and statistics for inclusion in the next sustainable development report to Committee. Business Unit		Committee paper due in March 2007.
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3rd Meeting: 15 March 2006

03.05 The Minister agreed to include regular updates in her Ministerial report on developments surrounding post office issues. Communities Directorate		Completed. Update included in Minister's Report for 18 January.
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4th Meeting: 03 May 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.		Update to be included in Ministerial report March 2007
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5th Meeting: 8th June 2006

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05.01 The Minister agreed to share the report carried out by SMTF specialist sub-group on the workforce shortages in counselling with Committee when published later in the year. Community Safety Division		February 2007.
05.04 The Minister agreed to provide regular updates to Committee on the restructuring of courts. Community Safety Division		To be included in Ministerial Report when updates are available

7th Meeting: 21st September 2006

07.04 The Minister agreed to update Committee regularly on the Supporting People Grant, particularly formula arrangements. Housing Directorate.	Regular Updates	Completed. Update included in Minister's Report for 18 January.
07.05 Through discussions with NOMS the Minister agreed to take up the matter of the lack of funding for sex offender and domestic abuse perpetrator programmes in prisons and report back to Committee. Community Safety Division	Officials are liaising with NOMS and an update will be provided shortly.	Letter to be issued in January 2007
07.10 The Minister agreed to circulate her keynote speech at the Housing Fed and WLGA conference in late November. Housing Directorate		Letter to be issued in January 2007

<p>07.11 The Minister agreed to keep Committee updated on issues relating to Prescoed Prison. Community Safety Division</p>	<p>The Minister wrote to the Home Office on 29 August asking to be kept informed of progress on the inquiry into the escapes from Prescoed. Officials have also written to John May, Operational Manager for the Prison Service asking him to share the findings of the inquiry.</p>	<p>Completed. Update included in Minister's Report for 18 January.</p>
<p>07.14 The Minister agreed to share with Committee the evaluation of the pilot schemes under the All Wales Youth Offending Strategy when available. Community Safety Division</p>	<p>The personal support worker in custody pilot scheme was completed in Stoke Heath YOI and will be continuing in Ashfield YOI until March 2007. DELLS officials confirm that the evaluation has not yet been completed. When it is, it will be made available to the Committee, along with all other relevant bodies.</p>	<p>Update to be provided as soon as possible after completion of the project in March 2007.</p>

<p>07.17 The Minister agreed to explore where Therapy Services were in place as a preventative measure for substance misuse and report back. Community Safety Division</p>		<p>Completed. Update included in Minister's Report for 18 January.</p>
<p>8th Meeting: 19th October 2006</p>		
<p>08.01 The Minister suggested that Committee discuss further how Performance Indicators for the Communities First programme would work and how other PI's for Local Government and Enterprise and Innovation would be incorporated. Communities Directorate</p>		<p>Completed. Update included in Minister's Report for 18 January.</p>
<p>08.02 The Minister agreed to provide an update on the joined up working taking place within the Communities First programme across Wales and progress on the evaluation being undertaken by Rhondda Cynon Taf LA. Communities Directorate</p>		<p>Completed. Update included in Minister's Report for 18 January.</p>
<p>08.03 The Minister agreed to take up further the effectiveness of cross-border working of local authorities within the Communities First Programme. Communities Directorate</p>		<p>Completed. Update included in Minister's Report for 18 January.</p>

<p>08.04 The Minister agreed to look at the diversity breakdown within Community First Partnerships and report back to Committee. Communities Directorate</p>	<p>Further update to be included once information has been received from the annual reports.</p>	<p>Completed. Update included in Minister's Report for 18 January.</p>
<p>08.05 The Minister agreed to check the figures for Community Regeneration in England and report back. Communities Directorate.</p>		<p>Completed. Update included in Minister's Report for 18 January.</p>
<p>08.10 The Minister agreed to update Committee on the issues surrounding the function of the Asylum and Immigration Appeals System. Communities Directorate</p>		<p>Completed. Update included in Minister's Report for 18 January.</p>
<p>08.11 The Minister agreed to discuss the issue of sub-postmaster retirements when she next meets with Royal Mail. Communities Directorate</p>		<p>Completed. Update included in Minister's Report for 18 January.</p>
<p>08.12 The Minister agreed to raise with the WLGA what can be done to support and raise the profile of post offices. Communities Directorate</p>		<p>At next meeting with WLGA</p>
<p>08.13 The Minister agreed to speak to the Chief Constables to get their views on whether crack cocaine misuse was on the increase, and to report back to the Committee.</p> <p>Community Safety Division</p>		<p>Completed. Oral update provided at Committee on the 23rd November</p>

08.14 The Minister agreed to raise the issues surrounding Supporting People Grant when she next meets with the WLGA and Welsh Women's Aid, then report back. Housing Directorate		Completed. Update included in Minister's Report for 18 January
08.15 The Minister agreed to report back further on unfit homes and figures for empty homes. Housing Directorate		Completed. Update included in Minister's Report for 18 January.
08.16 The Minister agreed to circulate the draft guidance in relation to section 226 of the Housing Act (Accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers) for discussion when available. Housing Directorate	copy of the guidance to help local authorities produce local housing strategies will be forwarded once published.	Completed. Letter sent to Chair on 16 November.
08.17 The Minister agreed to consider the possible impact the WHQS will have on the HEES targets and report back. Housing Directorate		Completed. Included in Ministerial report 23 November 2007
08.19 The Minister agreed to regularly update Committee on the Farepak Hamper situation. Communities Directorate		Regularly
08.20 The Minister agreed to obtain details of uptake with Credit Unions and report back. Communities Directorate		When Figures are available

9th Meeting: 23rd November 2006

<p>09.01 The Minister agreed to ask her officials to consider more effective ways of raising awareness of the grants available under HEES and would engage with Care and Repair Cymru on discussions. Housing Directorate</p>		<p>Completed. Update included in Minister's Report for 18 January.</p>
<p>09.02 The Minister agreed to circulate the fact sheet her officials were preparing on prudential borrowing when finalised. Housing Directorate</p>		<p>Completed. Fact sheet to be issued on prudential borrowing was sent to the WLGA to issue to local authorities and tenant organisations on the 4th December. Members have received a copy.</p>
<p>09.03 The Minister agreed to provide a written explanatory note covering the points raised on stock transfer, in particular the definition of secured and assured tenancies. Housing Directorate</p>		<p>Completed. Explanatory note on stock transfer - sent to Janice Gregory on the 4th December 2006</p>
<p>09.04 The Minister agreed to obtain the research undertaken by the Older People and Ageing Network on excess winter deaths to share with Committee. Housing Directorate</p>		<p>To be included in Ministerial report for February</p>
<p>09.05 The Minister agreed that her officials would visit Blaenau Gwent LA and other LA's with a high level of unoccupied social housing and would report back on their findings in her next written report. Housing Directorate.</p>		<p>Completed. Update included in Minister's Report for 18 January.</p>

<p>09.06 The Minister agreed to report back on fuel poverty figures, taking into account the WAG estimated figures and those from the report produced by the Centre for Sustainable Energy. Housing Directorate</p>		<p>Completed. Update included in Minister's Report for 18 January</p>
<p>09.07 The Minister agreed to update Committee on the hypothecation issues surrounding resource for DFG. Housing Directorate</p>		<p>In due course.</p>
<p>09.08 The Minister agreed to consider what further work could be undertaken on the location of gypsy traveller to local amenities. Housing Directorate</p>		<p>To be included in the Ministerial report for February</p>
<p>09.09 The Minister agreed to send a note to the Chair on whether the Mobile Homes Order related to mobiles homes as main residences or holiday homes and report back. Housing Directorate</p>		<p>Completed Letter sent on 27th November</p>
<p>09.10 The Minister agreed to advise Committee of the locations of the three pilot extra care projects. Housing Directorate.</p>		<p>Letter to be issued asap</p>
<p>09.11 The Minister agreed to circulate the oral update she had given at the meeting on the issues raised during her recent meeting with the four Chief Constables in Wales. Community Safety Division</p>		<p>Completed Letter sent on 1st December</p>

<p>09.12 The Minister agreed to report back to Committee on receipt of her response from Tony McNulty MP on the use of drug consumption rooms. Community Safety Division</p>		<p>Letter to be issued in January 2007</p>
<p>09.13 The Minister agreed to provide a short note on the review of the Police funding formula. Community Safety Directorate</p>		
<p>09.14 The Minister agreed to ask the Assembly Police Liaison Officer to find out if a pattern is emerging of an increased switch from smoking Cannabis to heroin as a result of their campaign against cannabis in the Swansea area before her next meeting with the Police Chiefs and report back to Committee. Assembly Police Liaison Office</p>		<p>Completed. Update included in Minister's Report for 18 January.</p>
<p>09.15 The Minister agreed that her officials would contact Women in Need at Newport and consider the issue of a safe house especially for victims of trafficking. Community Safety Division</p>		<p>To be included in Ministerial report for February</p>
<p>09.16 The Minister agreed to circulate details of successful projects under the Home Office funding to support domestic abuse projects when announced. Community Safety Division</p>		<p>Completed. Update included in Minister's Report for 18 January.</p>

<p>09.17 The Minister agreed to write to the Chair with the consultation responses received on the Disadvantaged Groups Development Fund. Communities Directorate</p>	<p>Letter to be issued in January</p>	<p>Update included in Minister's Report for 18 January.</p>
<p>09.18 The Minister agreed to provide a short note on issues relating to the financing of the Social Enterprise Sector. Communities Directorate</p>		<p>Report back in Minister's report 15 February</p>
<p>09.19 The Minister agreed to share the findings with Committee on the Review of Role of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust. Communities Directorate</p>		<p>When Available</p>
<p>09.20 The Minister agreed to circulate the oral update given on WHQS Showhomes. Business Unit</p>		<p>Completed. Letter issued 30th November</p>