

# Social Justice and Regeneration Committee

## Minutes (SJR(2)-05-07)

**Meeting date: Thursday 22 March 2007**

**Meeting time: 9.30am – 11.40am**

**Meeting venue: National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay**

### Assembly Members in Attendance

<b>Assembly Member</b>	<b>Constituency</b>
Janice Gregory (Chair)	Ogmore
Mick Bates	Montgomeryshire
Jocelyn Davies	South Wales East
Edwina Hart (Minister)	Gower
Mark Isherwood	North Wales
Laura Anne Jones	South Wales East
Trish Law	Blaenau Gwent

### 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
Peter Jones	Community Safety Unit
Tara Croxton	Voluntary Sector and Inclusion Unit

### 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 Apologies were received from Huw Lewis and Leanne Wood. Jocelyn Davies substituted for Leanne Wood.

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)-04-07 (min)

The Committee ratified the minutes from the meeting held 7 March 2007

## **Item 3: Minister's Report**

Paper: SJR(2)-05-07(p.1) Annexes A, B, C, 1

## **Actions**

The Minister agreed to write to the Chair with a record of her oral update to Committee

The Minister agreed to write to the Chair with an update on housing waiting lists when available

The Minister agreed to write to the Chair with details of the proposed Extra care project in Blaenau Gwent

## **Item 4: Domestic Abuse Strategy**

Paper: SJR(2)-05-07(p.2)

The Strategy was noted

## **Item 5: Secondary Legislation**

Paper: SJR(2)-05-07(p.3) Annex 1, 2

The paper was noted

### **Item 6: European Legislation**

Paper: SJR(2)-05-07(p.4) Annex 1

The paper was noted

### **Item 7: Refugee Inclusion Strategy**

Paper: SJR(2)-05-07(p.5)

The paper was noted

### **Item 8: Communities First**

Paper: SJR(2)-05-06(p.6)

The paper was noted

### **Item 9: SJR Committee's Annual Report 2006/07**

Paper: SJR(2)-05-07(p.7)

The paper was agreed

### **Item 10: SJR Committee's Legacy Paper**

Paper: SJR(2)-05-07(p.8)

The paper was agreed subject to the inclusion of open prisons

### **Item 11: Closing Remarks**

The Chair thanked all Members who have sat on the Committee for the consensual way in which they have worked together. She added that she was very proud of the excellent work undertaken by the Committee and made reference to the 5 policy reviews undertaken. She also said how grateful she was to the Minister for accepting virtually all the recommendations contained in the policy reviews.