

Social Justice and Regeneration Committee

SJR(2) –12-06(p1) Annex 1

Date: Thursday 21 September 2006

Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Venue: Senedd, National Assembly for Wales

Title: Outstanding Action Points from SJ & R Meetings

Action point [lead Division]	Progress	Target completion date
Third meeting: 16 March 2005		
03.08 The Minister would inform Committee of when results about the Personal Support project for 11-18 year olds would be available. Community Safety Division	Recruitment of the 2 personal support workers has now been completed and both were in post by the end of 2005.	Completed. Included in written report for September.
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	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: ?1 An appraisal	The research has been completed and report writing completion is expected at the end of Summer 2006. Report back to Committee in October 2006.

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

10th Meeting: 16 November 2005

10.02 The Minister agreed to provide an update on the CAFCASS pensions issue.

Emyr Roberts

Committee to be informed as soon as issue is resolved.

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.

<p>10.08 The Minister agreed to share the research into causes of homelessness with Committee when available in the new year</p> <p>Housing Directorate</p>	<p>Copy of report to be sent to Chair for circulation.</p>	<p>Completed. Included in written report for September.</p>
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<p>10.09 The Minister will report to Committee on progress of the rural observatory.</p> <p>Housing Directorate</p>	<p>Copy of report to be sent to Chair for circulation.</p>	<p>Completed. Included in written report for September.</p>
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11th Meeting: 8 December 2005

<p>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.</p> <p>Housing Directorate</p>		<p>The first meeting with contracted researchers (University of Salford) has taken place and work is on course to finish as schedules by end December 2006.</p>
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1st Meeting: 12 January 2006

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<p>01.14 The Minister agreed to update Committee on progress on the Homelessness Strategy and unfit homes in the Private Sector</p> <p>Housing Directorate</p>		<p>Unfit homes information to be circulated to Committee in due course. See 10.07 above for homelessness strategy update</p>
<p>01.26 The Domestic Abuse Working Group to consider the provision of counselling services. Community Safety Division</p>		<p>The Minister wrote to Committee in April 2006. A further update will be given to Committee in October 2006.</p>
<p>01.27 The Minister agreed to look at the statistical data available for an evaluation of the Domestic Abuse Strategy. Community Safety Division</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 has already provided Committee with Helpline data in a letter dated 10 April. The other data is still being collated and further information will be provided to Committee in October.</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. Housing Directorate</p>	<p>Also see action point 7.10.</p>	<p>Regularly</p>

2nd Meeting: 9 February 2006

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. Housing Directorate		Completed. Included in written report for September.
02.12 The Minister agreed to report to Committee on Homebuy when she had concluded her discussions. Housing Directorate		Completed. Included in written report for September.
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 Spring 2007.

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		Regularly. Update included in written report for September.
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4th Meeting: 03 May 2006

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<p>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.</p>		<p>November 2006.</p>
<p>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.</p>		<p>November 2006.</p>
<p>5th Meeting: 8th June 2006</p>		
<p>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.</p> <p>CSD</p>		<p>February 2007.</p>
<p>05.02 The Minister agreed to report back to Committee on the injection of additional resources for police talks to schools, and on whether funding should be delayed until the Committee's report on prevention is published.</p> <p>CSD</p>		<p>Completed. Included in written report for September.</p>

<p>05.03 The Minister agreed to discuss the success of Operation Tarian with Chief Constables.</p> <p>CSD</p>	<p>The Minister discussed Tarian with the Chief Constables at the meeting of the 3/7/06. The Tarian Annual Report is included as part of the Substance Misuse Annual Report which is a separate agenda item.</p>	<p>Completed.</p>
<p>05.04 The Minister agreed to provide regular updates to Committee on the restructuring of courts.</p> <p>CSD</p>		<p>When updates are available.</p>
<p>05.05 The Minister agreed to let Committee have sight of the draft proposed DFG guidance for comment when available and provide a timetable.</p> <p>Housing</p>		<p>Completed. Included in written report for September.</p>
<p>05.06 The Minister agreed to raise the issue of cross-border vehicle recognition work and use of mobile phones to fight crime.</p> <p>CSD</p>	<p>Carl Close</p>	<p>October 2006.</p>

<p>05.08 The Minister agreed to follow up the publication of statistics for the Communities First Programme.</p> <p>Communities</p>		<p>Completed. Included in written report for September.</p>
<p>05.10 The Minister agreed to look at the effect of climate change in regards to HEEs and report back to Committee.</p> <p>Housing</p>		<p>Completed. Included in written report for September.</p>
<p>05.11 The Minister agreed to report back copies of Homebuy bids made by Local authorities to Committee Members under Social Housing Grant Scheme.</p> <p>Housing</p>		<p>Completed. A letter was sent to the Chair on 21 June.</p>
<p>05.12 The Minister agreed to share her deliberations with Committee regarding the report on the Low Cost Home Ownership Scheme and suggested that the report's author give a presentation to Committee.</p> <p>Housing</p>		<p>Presentation to be arranged for November 2006.</p>

<p>05.13 The Minister agreed a note in her written report on the Pontypridd example of self-build homes.</p> <p>Housing</p>		<p>Completed. Included in written report for September.</p>
<p>05.14 The Minister agreed to report back on initiatives aimed at improving affordability through non traditional/ innovative construction methods.</p> <p>Housing</p>		<p>October 2006.</p>
<p>05.15 The Minister agreed to consider the suggestion of producing literature to increase the public's awareness of Community Land Trusts.</p> <p>Housing</p>		<p>Completed. Included in written report for September.</p>
<p>05.16 The Minister agreed to take Gwenda Thomas' report 'Keeping us Safe' forward in discussions about sharing information and the Data Protection Act in relation to the work of CAFCASS.</p> <p>CAFCASS</p>		<p>October meeting</p>

<p>05.18 The Minister agreed to discuss access to facilities with EDT colleagues and include transport issues in the next Social Justice Annual Report. The Minister also agreed to include further information on affordable housing, the environment and mental health.</p> <p>Communities</p>		<p>Completed. Officials were able to include further information in the 2006 report.</p>
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6th Meeting: 6th July 2006

<p>06.01 The Minister agreed to circulate a note to Committee Members on the new building statistics published on 21 June 2006</p> <p>SJ&R Business Unit</p>		<p>Completed. The Minister wrote to Committee on 7 July 2006.</p>
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<p>06.02 The Minister agreed to send a note to Committee Members on the 5th round of bids under the Home Office Connected Fund</p> <p>SJ&R Business Unit</p>		<p>Completed. The Minister wrote to Committee on 7 July 2006.</p>
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<p>06.03. The Minister agreed to send a note to Committee Members outlining concerns about the housing benefit provisions in the Welfare Reform Bill</p> <p>Housing</p>		<p>Completed 13 July.</p>
<p>06.04 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</p> <p>Housing</p>		<p>Completed. Included in written Report for September.</p>
<p>06.05 The Minister agreed to check what further information is available on winter deaths and report back to Committee</p> <p>Housing</p>		<p>Completed. Included in written report for September.</p>
<p>06.06 The Minister agreed to include the draft of the Homebuy Review with her next written report</p> <p>Housing</p>		<p>Presentation scheduled for November.</p>

<p>06.07 The Minister agreed to include in her next written report an update on the impact of her Ministerial meetings with the Voluntary Sector, and would write to Cabinet colleagues suggesting that they did likewise</p> <p>VSU</p>		<p>Completed. Included in written report for September.</p>
<p>06.08 The Minister 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</p> <p>Housing</p>		<p>Completed. Paper to Committee in September 2006</p>
<p>06.09 The Minister agreed to include in her next written report details of the roles, responsibilities and composition of the Advisory Committee for CAFCASS Cymru which is being set up</p> <p>CAFCASS</p>		<p>Completed. Included in written report for September.</p>