

Social Justice And Regeneration Committee

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Date: 19th October 2006

Venue: Committee Room 3, 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		
03.13 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>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.</p> <p>A Synthesis Report will be available for the Social Justice and Regeneration Committee in October 2006. This will include:</p> <ul 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	Report back to Committee in November 2006.

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.

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

The first meeting with contracted researchers
(University of Salford) has taken place and
work is on course to finish as scheduled by end
December 2006.

1st Meeting: 12 January 2006

01.14 The Minister agreed to update Committee on progress on the Homelessness Strategy and unfit homes in the Private Sector Housing Directorate		Completed. Update included in Minister's report
01.26 The Domestic Abuse Working Group to consider the provision of counselling services. Community Safety Division	Awaiting information/ advice from working group members	The Minister wrote to Committee in April 2006. A further update will be given to Committee in November 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 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 November.
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

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 Spring 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.
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4th Meeting: 03 May 2006

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.		Completed. Update included in Minister's report
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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.		November 2006.
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5th Meeting: 8th June 2006

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<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>05.04 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>05.06 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>Completed. Update included in Minister's report</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 arranged for November 2006.</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>November 2006.</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>Completed. Update included in Minister's report.</p>

6th Meeting: 6th July 2006

<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 2006</p>
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7th Meeting: 21st September 2006

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<p>07.01 The Minister agreed write to the Chair with details of the oral updates she had presented to Committee for circulation to members. Private Office</p>		<p>Completed. Letter sent to Chair on 21 September 2006</p>
<p>07.02 The Minister agreed to circulate the figures relating to the costs incurred by the four Welsh Police Forces as part of the proposed mergers process and also provide an update on where the forces were in relation to their request for the money to be repaid by the Home Office Community Safety Division.</p>	<p>The Home Office wrote to all Chief Constables in England and Wales on 24 July inviting police forces to submit details of additional costs directly incurred in preparation for police restructuring. The Police All Wales Project Team responded on behalf of the four Welsh forces on 31 August, submitting a claim for a total sum of ? 1,443,214. The Home Office have not yet responded to this claim, but I will update the Committee when available.</p>	<p>When update is available</p>
<p>07.03 The Minister agreed to report back to Committee on the findings of the consultation on the Fire and Rescue Service Risk Reduction Plans. Housing Directorate.</p>		<p>November 2006</p>

<p>07.04 The Minister agreed to update Committee regularly on the Supporting People Grant, particularly formula arrangements. Housing Directorate.</p>	<p>Update included in Ministers report for 19 October</p>	<p>Regularly</p>
<p>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</p>		<p>November 2006</p>
<p>07.06 The Minister agreed to make enquiries about the number of unaccompanied asylum seeker children in Wales and report back. Communities Directorate</p>		<p>Completed. Letter sent to Chair on 3 October 2006</p>
<p>07.07 The Minister agreed to send a note to Committee on the budgetary spend relating to the HEES Scheme. Housing Directorate.</p>		<p>November 2006</p>

<p>07.08 The Minister agreed to seek clarification on the legal status and content (language, community information) originally scheduled for inclusion in the Home Information Packs and report back. Housing Directorate.</p>		<p>Completed. Update included in Minister's report.</p>
<p>07.09 The Minister agreed to explore if further research may be undertaken in respect of excess winter deaths. Housing Directorate.</p>		<p>November 2006</p>
<p>07.10 The Minister agreed to circulate her keynote speech on "The need for housing" schedule for the Chartered Institute of Housing Cymru's Conference on 24 October. Housing Directorate</p>		<p>October 2006</p>
<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.</p>	<p>December 2006</p>

<p>07.12 The Minister agreed to provide the 2006/07 figures on drug and alcohol services expenditure in the substance misuse action fund when available. Community Safety Division</p>	<p>These figures are still being collated and are likely to be available next month.</p>	<p>November 2006</p>
<p>07.13 The Minister agreed to check what happened to the data relating to positive drug testing in the "Drug Testing on Charge areas" where the individuals testing positive were not subsequently convicted of an offence. Community Safety Division</p>		<p>Completed. Update included in Minister's report.</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>January 2007</p>
<p>07.15 The Minister agreed to share the Rural Homelessness Research with Committee when published. Housing Directorate.</p>		<p>Completed. Letter sent to Chair on 27 September</p>

07.16 The Minister agreed to share the Social Housing Cycle Research with Committee. Housing Directorate.		Completed. Letter sent to Chair on 27 September 2006
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		December 2006