

# Social Justice and Regeneration Committee

## Minutes (SJR(2)-15-06)

**Meeting date: Thursday 8 November 2006**

**Meeting time: 9.30am – 12.40pm**

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

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Assembly Member	Constituency
Janice Gregory (Chair)	Ogmore
Mick Bates	Montgomeryshire
Mark Isherwood	North Wales
Laura Anne Jones	South Wales East
Trish Law	Blaenau Gwent
Huw Lewis	Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney
Leanne Wood	South Wales Central

### Others in Attendance

Name	Representing (if applicable)	Agenda item(s)
John Puzey	Shelter Cymru	3
Carl Chapple	Cymorth Cymru	3
Sam Austin	Llamau	3
Steve Gamgee	Wallich Clifford	3
Babs Walsh	Wallich Clifford	3
Dr Kay Saunders	Dr Kay Saunders GP Surgery, Cardiff	3
Carol Crowther	Pembrokeshire Care Society	3

## 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 The Chair welcomed Trish Law AM as a new Member to Committee following her election on 7 November 2006.

1.3 Apologies were received from Sandy Mewies. 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)-14-06 (min)

The Committee ratified the minutes from the meeting held on 19 October 2006

### Item 3: Policy Review: Youth Homelessness

#### Paper: SJR(2)-15-06(p.1) SJR(2)-15-06(p.2) SJR(2)-15-06(p.3) SJR(2)-15-06(p.4) SJR(2)-15-06(p.5)

The Committee received a series of presentations from the following organisations as part of the evidence gathering process for the policy review. Following each presentation, Members asked questions.

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## Actions

- John Puzey agreed to send details of examples of good practice in Wales
- Carl Chapple agreed to discuss with colleagues and forward data to Committee on the numbers of homeless people moving from rural to urban areas
- Carl Chapple agreed to look at whether Discretionary Housing Benefit can be used for people entering hostels or refuges
- Sam Austin agreed to collate figures on the number of people who have gravitated to Cardiff and forward to the Committee
- Sam Austin agreed to collate and forward data on the number of existing and required hostel beds
- Steve Gamgee agreed to forward a copy of the Wallich Clifford Community Report on Rural Homelessness
- Dr Saunders agreed to consider and write to the Committee on the contractual issues of the GMS contract
- Carol Crowther agreed to forward details the costs of the Pembrokeshire travel warrant scheme
- The Secretariat to circulate copies of the GMS contract and specifically the enhanced services area dealing with homeless people
- The Secretariat would ask the WLGA to provide figures on the costs involved of scrapping the Single Room Rent