

## OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS FROM LGH MEETINGS

Action point [lead Division]	Progress	Target completion date
<b>Fourth meeting: 24 May 2000</b>		
04-10 Peter Law undertook to inform the Committee of the membership of the Advisory Board on the Local Regeneration Fund. <b>[WEFO-LAPD]</b>	The decision to establish an Advisory Board and the extent of its role will be considered by Mrs Hart in the light of the current round of Local Authority Non Match funding and the Community /Voluntary Sector LRF bidding rounds.	Subject to further consideration and Ministerial following submission deadline for Community / Voluntary Sector LRF applications June 2002.
<b>Fifth meeting: 14 June 2000</b>		
05-04 Peter Law undertook to provide the Committee in due course with a summary of the constitutional models which had been adopted by local authorities. <b>[LGM]</b>	To be considered at 20 March 2002 meeting.	March 2002
<b>Second meeting: 7 February 2001</b>		
02-02 The Minister agreed to keep the Committee informed of progress with the review of core funding of voluntary organisations concerned with homelessness. <b>[HD]</b>	Report of the review due to be discussed in May 2002.	June 2002.
02-09 The Minister to keep the Committee informed of the work to develop a policy framework for children's play. <b>[CFD]</b>	Contract awarded to a consortium led by Children in Wales. First draft of policy framework received.	
<b>Fourth meeting: 14 March 2001</b>		
04-02 The Minister undertook to provide a note on the Custodial	A note was circulated by the Committee Clerk on 19 March. A review of	April 2002

Bond Scheme being developed by the Cardiff Bond Board, as well as a paper in due course reviewing the first year's operation of the Scheme [HD]	the Cardiff Bond Board will be conducted in January 2002, after which a paper will be scheduled.	
04-05 The Minister agreed to report in due course on the results of the planned research project to examine social housing rent levels [HD]	The contract has been awarded to Cambridge University and will commence shortly.	May 2002.
<b>Fifth meeting: 28 March 2001</b>		
05-09 The Minister undertook to bring forward a further paper following the consultation exercise on the draft Order allowing local authorities to take account of non-commercial matters when considering tenders and awarding contracts [LGM]	Included in local government policy statement to be published 1 March. Deadline for responses 1 May.	Summer 2002
<b>Sixth meeting: 2 May 2001</b>		
06-10 The Minister to keep the Committee informed of the timetable for taking forward Communities First [CD]	Implementation stage is now underway. Regular reports will be given to the committee.	Ongoing.
<b>Seventh meeting: 16 May 2001</b>		
07-02 The Minister to report back to the Committee in due course on the work on alternative methods of publishing explanatory information with council tax bills [LGF]	Consultation paper published 4 February. Deadline for responses 22 March.	Summer 2002.
<b>Ninth meeting: 20 June 2001</b>		
09-01 The Minister undertook to provide further information, particularly financial data, on the recent announcement on the	In hand	

Local Regeneration Fund. <b>[LAPD/WEFO]</b>		
09-04 The Minister undertook to bring forward a paper in the autumn on the impact of equal opportunities policy on local government purchasing and construction activity. <b>[PEP/HD/LGM]</b>	To be considered at 26 June meeting.	26 June 2002
09-05 The Minister undertook to arrange informal meetings between the Committee and construction firms, in the context of 'Rethinking Construction'. <b>[HD/Comsec]</b>	Meeting to be arranged for the Spring term.	Spring 2002
<b>Tenth meeting: 4 July</b>		
10-04 The Minister agreed to take forward the issue of pension provisions at her next meeting with the Police Authorities in Wales. <b>[CRU]</b>	Discussed at meeting with the Police Authorities on 6 February. Now being taken forward as one aspect of a Task and Finish Group.	Complete.
10-06 The Minister undertook to discuss letting policies and estate management with tenant groups as part of the consultation on the review of exclusion from social housing. <b>[HD]</b>	A letter has been sent to tenants' groups and others seeking their views on the report by end February.	Report back to Committee on responses to the consultation April 2002, to link with discussion of responses to homelessness commission.
<b>Eleventh meeting: 18 July 2001</b>		
11-01 The Minister agreed to continue to update the Committee on progress on the <i>Community First</i> programme. <b>[CD]</b>	To be done routinely through reports to the Committee.	Ongoing.

11-05 The Minister will inform the Committee of the outcome of her review on the effectiveness of Tenant Participation Compacts. <b>[HD]</b>	A review will be undertaken during 2002 by external consultants. This will allow sufficient time between the introduction of compacts and the start of the review.	Autumn/Winter 2002.
11-10 The Minister agreed to consider further Dependent and Child Care Allowances when considering Councillors' Allowances with WLGA. <b>[LGM]</b>	Update included in the Minister's report to the 6 March meeting. Draft guidance out to consultation. Regulation to be introduced in June.	June 2002
11-11 The Minister undertook to bring forward a future paper on the ability of Local Authorities to raise more money locally. <b>[LGF]</b>	This will be taken forward as part of the work on the forthcoming Local Government policy paper.	Spring 2002
11-14 The Minister agreed to present a report on the collection of data for personal social services once the team from the Centre for Health Economics had completed their study. <b>[SD]</b>	Study ongoing.	January 2002.
11-15 The Minister agreed to report back to the Committee on where, in the Housing Research Programme, the following subjects are covered:(HD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Houses in multiple occupation</li> <li>Building Regulations</li> </ul>	<p>To be included in Minister's written report for 20 March 2002</p> <p>The possibility of devolving is currently under discussion with the Minister. Issues and implications currently being evaluated.</p>	20 March 2002

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surplus Council</li> </ul>	A report to be included in Minister's written report for 20 March 2002	20 March 2002
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stock Transfer impact <b>[HD]</b></li> </ul>	A review of research evidence to be carried out	September 2002
11-20 The Minister agreed to provide an interim report on the Household and Dwelling survey. <b>[HD]</b>	Survey to be carried out in collaboration with Local Government Data Unit. . It is hoped that carrying out the survey this way will mean greater partnership working with local authorities. The project management arrangement for the survey will be in place from about February 2002. Fieldwork for the household survey is expected to start towards the end of 2002-03. This is subject to the procurement process, and completion of consultation about the details of the survey questionnaire. The dwelling component of this survey will start in September 2003.	Ongoing.
<b>Twelfth Meeting: 24 October 2001</b>		
12-03 The Minister agreed to provide further details on the proposed severance scheme for councillors following her discussions with the Welsh Local Government Association. <b>[LGM]</b>	See 11-10 above	June 2002
12-04 The Minister	Syniad are being invited	20 March 2002

agreed to report back to the Committee following her discussions with the WLGA on the support (for example training) available to local authorities in developing the role of Scrutiny Committees. <b>[LGM]</b>	to address the 20 March 2002 meeting on training for new political structures.	
12-06 The Minister agreed to discuss the statutory provision of bilingual road signs at her next meeting with the WLGA. <b>[LGM]</b>		
12-07 The Deputy Minister agreed to provide an update to the Committee on the responses to the Homelessness Commission report. <b>[HD]</b>	To be included in paper to be discussed at 24 April meeting.	24 April 2002.
<b>Thirteenth meeting: 7 November 2001</b>		
13.04 The Minister agreed to look at means of encouraging local authorities to comply with the new Local Housing Strategy guidance. <b>[HD]</b>	Will be considered as part of planning work to promote new local housing strategy process when launched.	Spring 2002.
13.05 The Minister agreed to look into the possibility of assisting town and community councils in increasing access to the internet. <b>[LGM/LGF]</b>		
13.06 The Minister agreed to report back to the Committee on the outcome of the scoping study. <b>[LGM]</b>		

13.07 The Minister agreed to consider how the issue of devolution of the building regulations to the Assembly might best be taken up with the UK Government. <b>[HD]</b>	In hand.	End February 2002.
13.08 The Minister agreed to ask David A'Herne, Crime Director for Wales to update the Committee on Crime Reduction Partnerships. <b>[CRU]</b>	To be discussed at 22 May meeting.	22 May 2002.
<b>Fifteenth meeting: 21 November 2001</b>		
15-05 The Minister agreed to make regular reports to the Committee on Crime Reduction Initiatives and to identify suitable ways of linking these with the wider social exclusion agenda. <b>[CRU]</b>	Crime Reduction Unit discussing format of the reports with Communities Directorate. Home Office funding in future will be designed to complement social regeneration projects in England and Wales	First report to be presented to the Committee in the Spring.
15-07 The Minister to press the UK Government for the early introduction of the Housing Bill to implement the commitment for the mandatory licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation. <b>[HD]</b>	The Minister wrote to the Secretary of State for Wales expressing her disappointment that HMO licensing was not included in the Queen's speech.	Complete.
15-08 The Minister undertook to write to the WAC outlining the action, which the Assembly had taken in response to its report on social exclusion. <b>[CD]</b>	The Minister wrote to the Chair of the WAC on 16 January 2002.	Complete.
15-11 The Minister agreed to discuss with the Welsh Local	Update included in Minister's report to 6 March meeting.	Complete

Government Association the action being taken by local authorities to inform carers about the carers disregard in the calculation of council tax. <b>[LGF]</b>		
<b>Sixteenth meeting: 5 December 2001</b>		
16.05 The Minister agreed to inform the Committee of local authorities' proposals on their preferred option of political management structures, including instances where the local authority adopted a structure contrary to that identified as favourable during consultation. <b>[LGM]</b>	To be included in paper to be considered at the 20 March meeting.	20 March 2002.
16.06 The Minister agreed to discuss with private developers the possibility of providing Lifetime Homes. <b>[HD]</b>	In hand.	End January 2002.
16.10 The Minister agreed to provide a note to the Committee on the working of the assessment process relating to the Home Energy Efficiency Scheme together with a breakdown of households, which had benefited from the Scheme to date. <b>[HD]</b>	In hand.	
<b>First meeting: 16 January 2002</b>		
01-01 The Minister promised to provide a list of the low deprivation indicators used in determining deprived areas <b>[CD]</b>	The Minister wrote to the Chair with this information on 13 February.	Complete.



01-02 The Minister to provide a note on the Community First Support Network <b>[CD]</b>	The Minister wrote to the Chair with this information on 13 February.	Complete.
<b>Second meeting: 30 January 2002</b>		
02-04 The Minister agreed to bring forward a paper outlining the respective responsibilities under the local government and health and social services portfolio concerning implementation of the recommendations of the Waterhouse report and that any further action would be agreed in the light of that paper. <b>[LGM]</b>	To be discussed at 24 April meeting.	24 April 2002.
02-05 The Minister agreed that the Statistical Directorate would prepare a paper for a future Committee meeting outlining the possibility of incorporating some of the changes in PSS data in the 2003-04 settlement. <b>[SD/LGF]</b>	To be discussed at 8 May meeting.	8 May 2002
<b>Fourth meeting: 13 February 2002</b>		
04-01 The Minister agreed to provide a report to the Committee on the acceptability of local authority proposals for new political structures. <b>[LGM]</b>	See 16-05 above.	
04-02 The Minister agreed to circulate to the Committee further details of the proposals for Dependent and Child	See 11-10 above.	

Care Allowances to be included in Councillors' Allowances. <b>[LGM]</b>		
04-03 The Minister agreed to write to the Minister for Environment on the continued use of old domestic rateable values as a basis for water charging. <b>[LGF]</b>	The Minister wrote to Sue Essex on 25 February.	Complete.
04-04 The Minister agreed to write to local authorities, which had not yet undertaken stock condition surveys, to remind them of their responsibility to do so. <b>[HD]</b>		
04-05 Minister agreed to write to the Welsh Local Government Association to highlight the value of the Community Mutual Model of housing stock transfer. <b>[HD]</b>		
04-06 The Minister agreed to raise the question of incorporating Lifetime Homes Standards in private sector dwellings with house builder representatives. <b>[HD]</b>		
04-07 The Minister agreed to report back to the Committee on further proposals to raise awareness of the risk of radon in residential properties. <b>[HD]</b>		
04-08 The Minister agreed to suggest to the Minister for Health and		

Social Services and the Minister for Environment that their respective Committees consider the issue of radon in residential properties. <b>[HD]</b>		
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