

Local Government & Public Services Committee

Agenda (LGPS(2)-12-06)

Meeting date: Thursday 21 September 2006

Meeting time: 9.15am to 12.30pm

Meeting venue: Committee Room 2, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay

Item 1: Introduction, apologies and declarations of interest (9.15 - 9.20 am)

Item 2: Minister's report (9.20 – 10.00)

Paper:	LGPS(2)-12-06(p.1)
Purpose:	To consider the report from the Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services
Officials in attendance:	Hugh Rawlings, Director of Local Government, Public Services and Culture Group

Item 3: Small Business Rate Relief Scheme (10.00 – 10.15)

Paper:	LGPS(2)-12-06(p.2)
Purpose:	To consider proposals for Small Business Rate Relief
Officials in attendance:	Hugh Rawlings, Director of Local Government, Public Services and Culture Group Mike Chown, Local Government Finance David Fletcher, Local Government Finance

Item 4: Secondary Legislation - Legislative Forward Look and the Draft Regional Transport Planning (Wales) Order (10.15 – 10.30)

Papers:	LGPS(2)-12-06(p.3) – Legislative Forward Look LGPS(2)-12-06(p.4) – The Draft Regional Transport Planning (Wales) Order 2006
Purpose:	To consider forthcoming legislation within the portfolio of the Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services, and to scrutinise the Draft Regional Transport Planning (Wales) Order 2006

Officials in attendance:	Hugh Rawlings, Director of Local Government, Public Services and Culture Group Peter Jones, Counsel to the Assembly Parliamentary Service Martin Stevenson, Transport and Infrastructure, Department for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks
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Item 5: Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (10.30 – 11.05)

Papers:	LGPS(2)-12-06(p.5)
Purpose:	To receive a report from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales on his first six months in office
In attendance:	Adam Peat, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
Officials in attendance:	Hugh Rawlings, Director of Local Government, Public Services and Culture Group

The Committee will break from 11.05 – 11.20am

Item 6: The Beecham Review of Local Service Delivery (11.20 – 12.30)

Papers:	LGPS(2)-12-06(p.6)
Purpose:	To consider the final report of the Beecham Review of Local Service Delivery
In attendance:	Sir Jeremy Beecham
Officials in attendance:	Hugh Rawlings, Director of Local Government, Public Services and Culture Group Michael Trickey, Head of Making the Connections Unit Lisa James, Beecham Review Secretariat

Papers to note

Minute of the meeting held on 6 July
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