

OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS FROM LGH MEETINGS

Action point [lead Division]	Progress	Target completion date
Fourth meeting: 24 May		
04-10 Peter Law undertook to inform the Committee of the membership of the Advisory Board on the Local Regeneration Fund. [WEFO-LAPD]	The decision to establish an Advisory Board and the extent of its role will be considered by Mrs Hart in the light of the proposed Objective One match funding arrangements.	Subject to ministerial decision by 28 February 2001.
04-17 Peter Law agreed to report the conclusions of his first-year review of the transitional business rate relief scheme to the Committee. [LGF]	Review to be carried out in the spring. Paper scheduled for 16 May meeting	16 May 2001.
Fifth meeting: 14 June		
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. [LGM]	Information will not be available until June 2001 at the earliest.	The models finally adopted will not be known until after January 2002. It would be inappropriate to seek information now, given that we are consulting on the fourth option.
Ninth meeting: 13 September		
09-10 Various points for the Assembly Secretary to consider in taking forward the community development strand of the action strategy for the South Wales Valleys. [CRSI]	Response to the consultation currently being analysed.	Will be addressed in the initial proposals for Communities First funding to be announced in early summer 2001.

Tenth meeting: 18 October		
10-02 The Minister would report to the Committee in due course on the outcome of the work to improve fire safety in new buildings. [LGM]	Paper scheduled for 24 October meeting, to consider the report of the officer working group set up under the aegis of the Partnership Council.	16 May 2001
10-04 The Minister agreed to bring forward a paper on the role of town and community councils, including the delegation of powers from unitary authorities. [LGM]	Paper scheduled for 5 December meeting.	6 June 2001
Eleventh meeting: 1 November		
11-05 The Minister to bring forward a progress report on 'Rethinking Construction' in June 2001. [HD]	Paper scheduled for 20 June.	20 June 2001
Twelfth meeting: 15 November		
12-02 The Minister undertook to raise with the police authorities whether there would be benefits from having greater consistency in the MoUs which exist between each police authority and probation services, local authorities and health authorities in relation to sex offenders. [CRU]	Discussed at meeting with the Probation Service on 21 March.	Action complete.
Fifteenth meeting: 13 December		
15-02 The Minister undertook to provide the Committee with a list of matters arising from the Local Government Partnership Council meeting on 11 December (paragraph 3.1). [LGM]	List of action points from 11 December and 26 March meetings attached to this annex.	Action complete.

15-09 The Committee to consider the results of the consultation exercise on Supporting People (paragraph 7.4). [HD]	Paper scheduled for 6 June.	6 June 2001
First meeting: 24 January 2001		
01-03 The Minister agreed to consider with the Minister for the Environment whether there should be a joint report on the implications for local authorities of the need to improve infrastructure and services as a result of the recent flooding. [LGF]	Local authorities have submitted bids for additional capital funding to assist with the longer-term capital works, which are required as a result of the severe weather. The bids, excluding flood defence, land drainage and coast protection, which would fall to be supported under existing schemes, amount to approximately £26 million. Officials have completed a preliminary analysis of the bids and I plan to announce as soon as possible what additional funding can be made available over a period of three to five years.	Subject to ministerial decision.
Second meeting: 7 February 2001		
02-02 The Minister agreed to keep the Committee informed of progress with the review of core funding of voluntary organisations concerned with homelessness. [HD]	Report of the review due to be discussed at 5 December meeting.	5 December 2001.

02-06 The Minister undertook to raise the issue of the accounting treatment of the income from charges made by the police, as well as the revenue received from fines, at her next meeting with the police authorities. [CRU]	Discussed at meetings in March with Chief Constables and the police authorities. ACPO to provide further information on scale of charges.	Awaiting paper from South Wales Police.
02-09 The Minister to keep the Committee informed of the work to develop a policy framework for children's play. [CFD]		
Third meeting: 28 February		
03-01 The Minister to consider, in consultation with the Welsh Local Government Association, whether there was scope to achieve greater clarity by improving the layout of the council tax bill [LGF]	Agreed with WLGA to take forward through the Local Taxation Working Group – next meeting scheduled for 4 May.	
03-03 The Minister agreed to consider how social deprivation featured in the criteria used to distribute Supplementary Credit Approvals to support strategic housing schemes in time for the 2002-03 bidding round [HD]	Early Autumn	

03-10 The Minister undertook to bring forward a paper in due course setting out proposals for the 2002 Annual Report on Social Disadvantage, including options for the evaluation of progress and the format of the report [CRSI]	Work is in hand on establishing baseline data for the 2002 Report. This is due to be considered at the 20 June meeting.	20 June 2001.
Fourth meeting: 14 March		
04-01 The Minister undertook to provide a progress report on crime reduction initiatives, including the funding under the Partnership Development Fund [CRU]	Paper scheduled for 2 May meeting.	2 May 2001.
04-02 The Minister undertook to provide a note on the Custodial 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]	Paper informing the Committee on the first year operation of the Cardiff Bond Board provided	January 2002
04-03 The Chair said that she would consider with the Minister how local government finance issues feature in the Committee's forward work programme [ComSec/LGF]	Progress report scheduled for 18 July meeting.	
04-04 The Minister undertook to provide a note summarising the results of the consultation on the ethical framework for local government [LGM]	Consultation currently underway.	

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]	To be included in forward work programme to be reported to Committee on 18 July.	Draft report by February 2002.
Fifth meeting: 28 March		
05-03 The Minister undertook to provide a note on the funding of Care and Repair services, including any funding from the National Health Service. [HD]	Statistics being compiled and note to follow.	Early May.
05-04 The Minister agreed to provide a factual statement setting out her position in relation to the recent District Audit report on Flintshire County Council [LGM]	Note in preparation.	2 May 2001.
05-07 The Minister undertook to provide a note on voluntary contributions from individuals and organisations to enable local authorities to meet their well-being objectives [LGM]		
05-08 The Minister undertook to provide a note setting out the position on the European Union procurement rules with which local authorities have to comply as part of their contracting processes [LGM]	Note in preparation.	

<p>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]</p>	<p>Consultation paper in early May.</p>	<p>Draft statutory guidance to the Committee – October 2001.</p>
<p>05-09 The Minister undertook to provide a note setting out how she would take account of the Committee's views in taking forward the management review of the Welsh Tenants Federation [HD]</p>	<p>Minister wrote to the Chair on 11 April.</p>	<p>Action complete.</p>

NOTE OF ACTION POINTS FROM PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL 11 DEC 00

Ministerial action points

Suggest to LGH Committee that Welsh Local Government Association is invited to its discussion on Private Finance Initiative	Done – 13 December 2000
Give timetable before Christmas for announcement of local authority specific grants	LGF2 was commissioned to write to WLGA with details of all grants to Local Government. Letter sent on the 17th January 2001.
Bring proposals on how to resource task force on equality of opportunity in local government to next Partnership Council	Report sent to Mrs Hart on the 31 January 2001.
Check validity of reports suggesting that Wales was not receiving its fair share of Environment Agency resources (Ms Essex)	Letter sent 1 February 2001

Other action points

Circulate minutes of previous voluntary sector and business partnership council meetings (Secretariat)	Papers for Voluntary Sector last meeting issued. Copy Business Partnership Council paperwork sent on the 5 th Dec. '01.
Circulate copy of response to Gwenda Thomas re advocacy for children to other Partnership Council members (Secretariat)	Email copy sent 22.12.00. Hard copy to follow. Hard copy sent on the 5 th Dec. '01
Send copy of Private Finance Initiative paper to Welsh Local Government Association (L Pavelin)	Done.
Put proposal of earlier cut off date on agenda for Consultative Forum on Finance (Alan Thornton)	Done.

Bring paper on loan charges to next Consultative Forum on Finance meeting (Alan Thornton)	CFF noted a paper on debt financing at meeting on 9 th January 2001.
Community councils issues to be high on agenda for next Partnership Council meeting (Secretariat)	DONE.
Add a further note on area committees to the guidance on political management structures (Kate Cassidy)	Issued on the 2 nd January 2001.
Assembly and WLGA officials to agree details of administration of policy agreements (Kate Cassidy)	Discussions took place on the 20 th December 2000. A letter from the Assembly Officials to local authorities issued on the 16 th January 2001.

Welsh Local Government Association action points

Welsh Local Government Association to consider proposal for informal meeting between Co-ordinating Committee and LGH Committee	The joint meeting with the Assembly co-ordinating committee will be discussed at the next Association meeting on the 26 th January '01.
Association to consider way forward on analysing reasons for differences in school performance (meeting in February)	NATED-SMD in the process of working with the WLGA to draft terms of reference for the Group. Will report back as soon as progress is made.
Association to assist in a stock-take of Best Value administration, audit and inspection costs before meeting with National Assembly for Wales and Audit Commission in New Year	Best Value Stock Take has already commenced. The Associations have Given authorities until 31 st Jan to come back with details.
Association to come back to next Partnership Council with an update on equality of opportunity progress	The Association is to produce a generic equalities standard for local government to be launched at the next Partnership Council. Association due to appear in front of the Assembly equalities committee on the 14 th February 2001.

Authorities invited to send specific cases of insurance being refused to flood victims to Ms Essex	No cases notified as yet.
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Partnership Council 26th March 2001

Ministerial action points

Mrs Hart to write to Mike German re WLGA representative on advisory panel on economic development	Letter sent 28 March
Rate relief for businesses affected by foot and mouth – DETR have announced a scheme and Mrs Hart hopes to make an announcement later this week	Scheme announced 27 March

Other action points

Next meeting – agenda items on Communities First and community safety (Secretariat)	Will be included
Best Value - finalise guidance for larger community councils (Secretariat)	Guidance to be finalised
Mrs Hart asked for evidence on what extra services community councils have taken on (Community councils)	Awaiting response from CC's
Mrs Hart asked for specific examples of problems encountered in planning (Community councils)	As above
Study on community councils and their role – submit paper to next Partnership Council meeting outlining scoping study (Secretariat)	Meetings to be arranged
It was agreed that town and community councils would receive multiple copies of documents issued in future (Secretariat).	Secretariat will be writing to CC's
It was agreed that substantive discussion of the NHS Plan would be deferred to the July meeting of the Partnership Council (Secretariat)	Will be included on the agenda
Best Value: arrange informal meeting with Audit Commission, WLGA elected members and Assembly Members on Partnership Council to discuss final report of Welsh Local Government Association's Best Value Stocktake (Secretariat)	Meeting to be arranged

Welsh Local Government Association action Points

Flooding – WLGA will come back on this when all responses are back	WLGA are being asked to provide an update
WLGA action points – some need updating	WLGA are being asked to provide an update