

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA**

**Date:** Wednesday 24 October 2001

**Time:** 9.30am to 12.30pm

**Venue:** Committee Room 2, National Assembly Building

**Item 1:** **Apologies and substitutions**

**Item 2:** **Declaration of interests**

**Item 3:** **Minister's report (40 minutes)**

**Purpose:** To receive a written report from the Minister

**Paper:** LGH-12-01 (p.1)

**Item 4:** **Homelessness Commission – Consideration of Final Report (25 minutes)**

**Purpose:** To consider the final report of the Homelessness Commission

**Paper:** LGH-12-01 (p.2)

**In attendance:** John Bader, Housing Directorate

Geoff Marlow, Housing Directorate

**Item 5: Homelessness Bill (15 minutes)**

**Purpose:** To consider the implications for Wales of the Homelessness Bill

**Paper:** LGH-12-01 (p.3)

**In attendance:** John Bader, Housing Directorate  
Geoff Marlow, Housing Directorate

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**The Committee will adjourn for 10 minutes from 10.50 am to 11.00 am**

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**Item 6: Communities First – Consideration of final policy framework and guidance (20 minutes)**

**Purpose:** To consider the final policy framework and guidance for the *Communities First* programme.

**Paper:** LGH-12-01 (p.4)

**In attendance:** Norma Barry, Communities Directorate  
Trevor Samuel, Communities Directorate

**Item 7: Service and investment pressure facing local government – presentation from the Welsh Local Government Association (30 minutes)**

**Purpose:** To receive a presentation from the Welsh Local Government Association about the service and investment pressures facing local government

**Paper:** LGH-12-01 (p.5)

**In attendance:** Councillor Sir Harry Jones, Welsh Local Government Association  
Councillor Russell Goodway, Welsh Local Government Association  
Ian Miller, Welsh Local Government Association

**Item 8: Budget – Consideration of draft budget (30 minutes)**

**Purpose:** To consider the draft budget

**Paper:** LGH-12-01 (p.6)

**In attendance:** Alan Thornton, Local Government Finance

John Bader, Housing Directorate

Graham Davies, Statistical Directorate

**Item 9: Policy review – Progress report on the policy review of community regeneration (10 minutes)**

**Purpose:** To consider the progress made thus far on the policy review of community regeneration

**Paper:** LGH-12-01 (p.7)

**Item 10: Minutes of the 18 July meeting**

**Purpose:** To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 18 July

**Paper:** LGH-11-01 (min)