

## 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>		

<p>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></p>	<p>Report of the review due to be discussed in May 2002.</p>	<p>June 2002.</p>
<p>02-09 The Minister to keep the Committee informed of the work to develop a policy framework for children's play. <b>[CFD]</b></p>	<p>Contract awarded to a consortium led by Children in Wales. First draft of policy framework received.</p>	
<p><b>Fourth meeting: 14 March 2001</b></p>		
<p>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 <b>[HD]</b></p>	<p>A note was circulated by the Committee Clerk on 19 March. A review of the Cardiff Bond Board will be conducted in January 2002, after which a paper will be scheduled.</p>	<p>April 2002</p>
<p>04-05 The Minister agreed to report in due course on the results of the planned research project to examine social housing rent levels <b>[HD]</b></p>	<p>The specification is currently out to tender. The project will commence in January 2002</p>	<p>May 2002.</p>
<p><b>Fifth meeting: 28 March 2001</b></p>		

<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 <b>[LGM]</b></p>	<p>Consultation on both the Order and its associated guidance will begin in the summer, with a summary of responses to be made available in October. Closing date for consultation was 5 October.</p>	<p>Autumn 2001</p>
<p><b>Sixth meeting: 2 May 2001</b></p>		
<p>06-10 The Minister to keep the Committee informed of the timetable for taking forward Communities First <b>[CD]</b></p>	<p>Implementation stage is now underway. Regular reports will be given to the committee.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p><b>Seventh meeting: 16 May 2001</b></p>		
<p>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 <b>[LGF]</b></p>	<p>Draft consultation paper in preparation in consultation with WLGA.</p>	<p>Subject to ministerial approval.</p>
<p><b>Ninth meeting: 20 June 2001</b></p>		
<p>09-01 The Minister undertook to provide further information, particularly financial data, on the recent announcement on the Local Regeneration Fund.  <b>[LAPD/WEFO]</b></p>	<p>In hand</p>	

<p>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.</p> <p><b>[PEP/HD/LGM]</b></p>	<p>To be considered at 6 March 2002 meeting.</p>	<p>6 March 2002</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>Meeting to be arranged for the Spring term.</p>	<p>Spring 2002</p>
<p>09-08 The Minister undertook to provide a note on the action being taken by local authorities to support people on modest incomes into home ownership. <b>[HD]</b></p>	<p>Information being sought from local authorities. Note will be supplied to Committee on 16 January 2002.</p>	<p>16 January 2002</p>
<p>09-09 The Minister undertook to bring forward a paper in the autumn setting out proposals for targets for inclusion in the National Assembly's annual report on social inclusion. <b>[CD]</b></p>	<p>To be considered at 13 February 2002 meeting.</p>	<p>13 February 2002.</p>

**Tenth meeting: 4 July**

<p>10-04 The Minister agreed to take forward the issue of pension provisions at her next meeting with the Police Authorities in Wales.</p> <p><b>[CRU]</b></p>	<p>To be discussed at next meeting with the Police Authorities in the New Year.</p>	<p>Spring 2002.</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>The report was issued for consultation in July and a separate letter was sent to tenant participation groups seeking their views on policy in this area.</p>	<p>Report back to Committee on responses to the consultation January 2002</p>
<p><b>Eleventh meeting: 18 July 2001</b></p>		
<p>11-01 The Minister agreed to continue to update the Committee on progress on the <i>Community First</i> programme. <b>[CD]</b></p>	<p>To be done routinely through reports to the Committee.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>11-05 The Minister will inform the Committee of the outcome of her review on the effectiveness of Tenant Participation Compacts.</p> <p><b>[HD]</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Autumn/Winter 2002.</p>

<p>11-10 The Minister agreed to consider further Dependent and Child Care Allowances when considering Councillors' Allowances with WLGA. <b>[LGM]</b></p>	<p>Further work is being done on the conditions and amounts. Will require an Assembly Order. To be considered further at a meeting with the WLGA later this month.</p>	
<p>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></p>	<p>This will be taken forward as part of the work on the forthcoming Local Government 'White Paper'</p>	<p>Spring 2002</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>Study ongoing.</p>	<p>January 2002.</p>
<p>11-15 The Minister agreed to report back to the Committee on where, in the Housing Research Programme, the following subjects are covered:(HD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Uptake on low cost home ownership</li> </ul>	<p>A report on uptake in</p>	

- Houses in multiple occupation

2001/02 will be provided under the Agenda item planned for LGH committee on 13 February 2002

- Building Regulations
- Surplus Council

To be included in Minister's written report for February 2002

13 February 2002

The possibility of devolving is currently under discussion with the Minister

- Houses and the effect on local Authorities budgets

A report to be included in Minister's written report for February 2002

13 February 2002

- Stock Transfer impact **[HD]**

A review of research evidence to be carried out

13 February 2002

June 2002

<p>11-20 The Minister agreed to provide an interim report on the Household and Dwelling survey. <b>[HD]</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>11-21 The Minister undertook to write to the Minister of Health and Social Services on the need of the Strategy for the Elderly to have particular regard to housing. <b>[HD]</b></p>	<p>To be considered in Spring term 2002</p>	<p>January 2002</p>
<p><b>Twelfth Meeting: 24 October 2001</b></p>		
<p>12.02 The Minister agreed to provide details of bids received from local authorities for the SCAs to support housing schemes in 2002-03. <b>[HD]</b></p>	<p>Letter to local authorities inviting bids issued on 15 October.</p>	<p>March 2002</p>



<p>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></p>	<p>Meeting being arranged with the WLGA.</p>	
<p>12.04 The Minister 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></p>	<p>Syniad are being invited to address the 20 March 2002 meeting on training for new political structures.</p>	<p>20 March 2002</p>
<p>12.05 The Minister agreed to provide further details on the CCTV systems in operation including the monitoring of schemes. <b>[CRU]</b></p>	<p>Briefing note submitted on 13 December.</p>	<p>Complete.</p>

<p>12.06 The Minister agreed to discuss the statutory provision of bilingual road signs at her next meeting with the WLGA. <b>[LGM]</b></p>		
<p>12.07 The Deputy Minister agreed to provide an update to the Committee on the responses to the Homelessness Commission report.</p> <p><b>[HD]</b></p>	<p>Full summary will be available in early 2002.</p>	<p>April 2002.</p>
<p><b>Thirteenth meeting: 7 November 2001</b></p>		
<p>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></p>	<p>Will be considered as part of planning work to promote new local housing strategy process when launched.</p>	<p>Spring 2002.</p>
<p>13.05 The Minister agreed to look into the possibility of assisting town and community councils in increasing access to the internet.</p> <p><b>[LGM/LGF]</b></p>		
<p>13.06 The Minister agreed to report back to the Committee on the outcome of the scoping study. <b>[LGM]</b></p>		

<p>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></p>	<p>In hand.</p>	<p>End January 2002.</p>
<p>13.08 The Minister agreed to ask David A'Herne, Crime Director for Wales to update the Committee on Crime Reduction Partnerships.</p> <p><b>[CRU]</b></p>	<p>Currently being arranged.</p>	<p>Subject to forward work programme.</p>
<p><b>Fifteenth meeting: 21 November 2001</b></p>		
<p>15-03 The Minister agreed to report to the Committee the outcome of the assessment of publicity material from the consultation on new political management structures. <b>[LGM]</b></p>	<p>Included in Minister's report to the 16 January meeting.</p>	<p>Complete.</p>

<p>15-04 The Minister undertook to write to the WAC asking for its assistance in bringing pressure to bear on the UK Government on key issues such as the need to provide information and advice on welfare benefits more proactively to customers. <b>[CD]</b></p>	<p>In hand.</p>	
<p>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></p>	<p>Crime Reduction Director discussing format of the reports with Communities Director.</p> <p>Home Office funding in future will be designed to complement social regeneration projects in England and Wales</p>	<p>Early in the New Year</p>
<p>15-06 The Minister agreed to write to her Cabinet colleagues to invite them to examine the recommendations of the WAC report, and the Assembly's response to them, from the perspective of their relevance to their individual portfolios.</p> <p><b>[CD]</b></p>	<p>In hand.</p>	<p>End January 2002.</p>

<p>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></p>	<p>The Minister wrote to the Secretary of State for Wales expressing her disappointment that HMO licensing was not included in the Queen's speech.</p>	
<p>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></p>	<p>In hand.</p>	
<p>15-09 The Minister agreed to enquire whether ELWa was responsible for post-16 education for people with learning difficulties. <b>[LGF/NATED]</b></p>	<p>The Minister wrote to the Chair on 5 December 2001.</p>	<p>Complete.</p>
<p>15-11 The Minister agreed to discuss with the Welsh Local 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></p>	<p>Consulting WLGA. Update will be included in Minister's next written report.</p>	<p>13 February 2002.</p>

<p>15-12 The Minister agreed to arrange for the Committee to receive a presentation from representatives of York University, who were examining the Personal Social Services data.</p> <p><b>[COM SEC/LGF]</b></p>	<p>Paul Dixon, Senior Research Fellow at University of York, will be giving a presentation on PSS data to the 30 January 2002 meeting.</p>	<p>30 January 2002.</p>
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**Sixteenth meeting: 5 December 2001**

<p>16.01 The Minister agreed to provide further details on the development of partnerships in each of the Community First areas following the mapping exercise which was currently being carried out.</p> <p><b>[CD]</b></p>	<p>Included in Minister's report to 16 January 2002 meeting.</p>	<p>Complete.</p>
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<p>16.02 The Minister agreed to include in her next written report further details of funding which had been allocated to local authorities and partner organisations to assist in the implementation of Communities First. <b>[CD]</b></p>	<p>Included in Minister's report to 16 January 2002 meeting.</p>	<p>Complete.</p>
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<p>16.03 The Minister agreed to provide a copy of the evaluation of People in Communities to Members and to bring forward a paper to the Committee in due course. <b>[CD]</b></p>	<p>To be considered at 16 January 2002 meeting.</p>	<p>16 January 2002</p>
<p>16.04 The Minister agreed to include in her next written report the outcome of the assessment of publicity material from the consultation on new political management structures. <b>[LGM]</b></p>	<p>See 15.03 above.</p>	
<p>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.</p> <p><b>[LGM]</b></p>	<p>To be included in Minister's March report.</p>	<p>March 2002.</p>
<p>16.06 The Minister agreed to discuss with private developers the possibility of providing Lifetime Homes. <b>[HD]</b></p>	<p>In hand.</p>	<p>End January 2002.</p>

<p>16.09 The Minister agreed to provide details in her next written report of the proportion of Assembly grant funding provided for homelessness, to assist the homeless to move to secure accommodation. <b>[HD]</b></p>	<p>Included in Minister's report to 16 January 2002 meeting.</p>	<p>Complete.</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>In hand.</p>	
<p>16.11 The Minister agreed to provide a note on homelessness initiatives comparable to the City Centre project which were being undertaken in other areas of Wales. <b>[HD]</b></p>	<p>Will require further investigation in early 2002.</p>	<p>Note will be available by February 2002.</p>