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# Agenda

Universal Credit (tranche 1) Strategic Meeting  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
Lysaght Institute,  
Orb Drive, Corporation Road, Newport, NP19 0RA

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10:00 Doors/ Coffee

10:30 Chair's Welcome and Introductions

10:40 The English Experience of Universal Credit

*Gareth Bevan – Policy Officer – The National Housing Federation*

To cover: the online claim, benefit advances, personal budgeting support, alternative payment arrangements, data sharing and processes put in place by DWP and Housing Associations.

11:30 Trusted Partner Status Update

*Ian Simpson - Director of Community Housing and Support - Bron Afon Community Housing*

12:00 UC Preparation Programme Update

*TBC - Valleys 2 Coast*

12:30 Wales & West's Experiences of Universal Credit

*Michael Halloran - Housing Manager (Support and Leasehold) - Wales & West HA*

13:10 LUNCH

13:50 Universal Support Delivered Locally Experiences

*Jonathan Morgan – Blaenau Gwent CC and Paul Neave - Flintshire CC*

14:20 Your Benefits Are Changing Update

*Paul Langley – Community Housing Cymru*

14:30 Q & A with DWP and Jobcentre Plus

*Helen Matthews - DWP & Huw Thomas - Jobcentre Plus (TBC)*

15:30 BREAK

15:40 Best Practice Open Discussion

A chance to discuss UC issues with speakers, fellow RSL staff & the attendees from LAs, Welsh Government, etc.

16:10 Chair's Summary and AOB

(Future Meetings to be arranged, Yammer Working Group, Sharing with Tranche 2 Landlords)

16:40 Close