



AGENDA

For the meeting of the:

Welfare Strategic Delivery Group

Date: 25th March 2019

Venue: Pobl Group, Newport

- 09:30** Refreshments on arrival
- 10:00** **Welcome and Introductions:** Steve Evans (Chair) & Julie Little (Vice-Chair)
- 10:10** **Updates**
- SRS Landlord Forum
 - 53 week rent year in UC
 - 2019 UC rent increase process
 - UC managed migration
 - Universal Support
 - Housing related support funding
 - CHC lobbying
- 10:40** **Reviewing the Welfare SDG**
- Ratifying Terms of Reference
 - Setting annual priorities
- 11:00** **Covering Operational Issues**
- Ensuring that CHC supports members with operational welfare issues outside of the Welfare Strategic Delivery Group.
- 11:20** **Promoting Low-Cost Credit with the Financial Conduct Authority**
- Presentation from the FCA on guidance relating to promoting low-cost credit to tenants, followed by discussion on how HAs can work closer with credit unions and other low cost lenders.
- 12:00** **Break**
- 12:15** **Working Together to Support Tenants in Debt with StepChange**
A presentation on services offered by StepChange in Wales, followed by discussion on how StepChange and HAs can work in partnership.



- 12:45** **Future Advice Networks – JJ Costello, Welsh Government**
- A discussion on Welsh Government work towards new advice networks in Wales.
- 13:15** **Lunch**
- 14:00** **Assembly Inquiry: `Benefits in Wales: options for better delivery`**
- Interactive discussion on the future of welfare benefits in Wales, to support responses to the Welsh Assembly ELGC inquiry into exploring devolution of welfare. Led by Will Atkinson, CHC.
 - Naomi Stocks, Clerk to the Inquiry and Hannah Johnson, Researcher in attendance from the Welsh Assembly.
- 15:30** **Close**

Next Meeting – 22nd May (location TBC)