

Summary Minutes

Title of meeting:	DWP/LA Welfare Steering Group
Date/timings:	10 June 2020 – 11:00 – 12:00
Location:	Skype & Audio
Attendees:	DWP: Clare Elliott (chair) Darren Baker, Carolyn Pollard (Secretariat), Kay Bendell, Sheena Parker, Amanda Sowerby, Joanne Hawkins, Adrian Shooter, Jonathan Bottomer, James Wolfe LAs: Sam Ashton (LC), June Deans (Glasgow), Lisa Hayward (WLGA), Andrew Cameron (Leeds) Rose Doran (LGA), Matthew Evans (Wrexham), Adrian Mills (Ang Revs), Asha Vyas (Brent), Pam Richardson (Gateshead), Ian Brown (Wiltshire), Moira Smith (SG), Paul Knevett (LGA Districts), Sarah Price (MT), Ben Gibbs (WG)
Apologies	Susan Johnson (DWP), Graham Roberts (DWP), Anil Gupta (COSLA), Ian Adams (Islington), Simone Hines (IN&B), Tim Savill (Bham), Susan Donald (Aberdeenshire), Helen Paine (Gateshead), Linda Davis (WG), Jayne Henderson (Newcastle), Alex Lim (MHCLG)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Clare Elliott opened the meeting.

2. LA Welfare Steering Group action points

The outstanding LAWSG action points were discussed

3. LA-PED Divisional recovery plan for COVID-19

An overview of the LA Partnership, Engagement and Delivery divisional plan to support local authorities in getting Housing Benefit services back up and running was provided and discussed.

Meeting closed

Date of next mting	The date of the next LA Welfare Steering Group meeting is 19 August 2020
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