



Summary Minutes

Title of meeting:	DWP/LA Welfare Steering Group
Date/timings:	22 October 2020 – 11:00 – 13:00
Location:	Skype & Audio
Attendees:	<p>DWP: Clare Elliott (chair) Darren Baker, Lorraine Prentice (Secretariat), Alan Brown, Sheena Parker, Amanda Sowerby, Joanne Hawkins, Adrian Shooter, Sylvia Seed, Sarah Turner, Lavinia Browne, Carol Krahe.</p> <p>LA: Sam Ashton (LC), June Deans (Glasgow), Matthew Evans (Wrexham), Adrian Mills (Ang Revs), Ian Brown (Wiltshire), Moira Smith (SG), Paul Knevett (LGA Districts), Sarah Price (MT), Ben Gibbs (WG), Tim Savill (Bham), Robbie Rainbird (Islington), Callum Smith (Scotland), Richard Curry (Gateshead), Jayne Henderson-Muse (Newcastle)</p>
Apologies	Pam Richardson (Gateshead), Asha Vyas (Brent), Rose Doran (LGA), Andrew Cameron (Leeds), Lisa Hayward (WLGAs), Susan Johnson (DWP), Graham Roberts (DWP), Anil Gupta (COSLA), Ian Adams (Islington), Simone Hines (IN&B), Susan Donald (Aberdeenshire), Helen Paine (Gateshead), Linda Davis (WG), , Alex Lim (MHCLG), James Wolfe (DWP), Alex Bion (DWP), Julia Pitt (Croydon), Kirsty Johnson (Wigan), Simone Hines (Nuneaton & Bedworth)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Clare Elliott opened the meeting.

2. LA Welfare Steering Group action points and previous minutes.

The previous minutes and action points were discussed

3. LA Welfare issues update

Due to COVID-19, the business as usual LA Issues Highlight Report has not been produced, the issues log has continued to be updated to capture all ongoing issues.

4. COVID – 19 Recovery, Repair and Reform update

An update was provided.

5. Benefit Cap

An update was provided.

6. Discretionary Housing Payments

An update was provided.

7. Supported Accommodation

An update was provided.

Meeting closed.

Date of next mtng	The date of the next LA Welfare Steering Group meeting - to be advised
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