

Children and Young People Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Thursday, 4 October 2012**

Meeting time: **09:19 – 12:09**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Christine Chapman (Chair)
Angela Burns
Suzy Davies
Rebecca Evans
Julie Morgan
Lynne Neagle
Jenny Rathbone
Aled Roberts
Simon Thomas

Witnesses:

Eleri Thomas, Chief Executive, Children's Commissioner for Wales office
Keith Towler, Children's Commissioner for Wales
Jane Ellis, Welsh Government
Neil Surman, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Sarah Beasley (Clerk)
Claire Morris (Clerk)
Elizabeth Wilkinson (Clerk)
Kayleigh Driscoll (Deputy Clerk)
Sarah Sargent (Deputy Clerk)
Kath Thomas (Deputy Clerk)
Anne Thomas (Researcher)
Sian Thomas (Researcher)
Stephen Davies (Legal Advisor)

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting. Apologies were received from Jocelyn Davies.

2. Children's Commissioner's Annual Report

2.1 The Chair welcomed Keith Towler and Eleri Thomas. Members questioned the witnesses on Children's Commissioner's Annual Report.

Action Points:

The Children's Commissioner agreed to provide further information on:

- the efficiency savings made by his office in response to the decrease in income for the financial year 2011–12.
- the time taken to resolve the case study on page 27 of the Commissioner's annual report relating to a fostered child not in education.
- the current status of the National Service Framework (NSF) for Children, Young People and Maternity Services, once received from the Welsh Government;
- measuring child poverty.

3. Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting

3.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

4. Briefing Session on the Further and Higher Education (Wales) Bill White Paper

4.1 The officials responded to questions from members of the Committee on the Further and Higher Education (Wales) Bill White Paper.

5. School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Bill: Stage 1 – Consideration of Final Report

5.1 The draft report was agreed.

Transcript

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