

Enterprise and Business Committee

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

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 12 October 2011**

Meeting time: **10: – 12:00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Nick Ramsay (Chair)
Byron Davies
Keith Davies
Julie James
Alun Ffred Jones
Eluned Parrott
David Rees
Jenny Rathbone
Joyce Watson
Leanne Wood

Witnesses:

Leighton Andrews, Minister for Education and Skills
Jeff Cuthbert, Deputy Minister for Skills
Owen Evans, DCELLS, Higher Education & Lifelong Learning Group
Gwen Kohler, Performance & Financial Management
Edwina Hart, Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science
James Price, BETS
Rob Hunter, Director of Finance and Performance, Finance and Corporate Services

Committee Staff:

Siân Phipps (Clerk)
Ryan Bishop (Deputy Clerk)
Anne Thomas (Researcher)
Ben Stokes (Researcher)

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting. Apologies were received from Ken Skates AM. Jenny Rathbone AM substituted.

2. Welsh Government Draft Budget Proposals 2012–2013 : Ministerial Scrutiny Session

2.1 The Chair welcomed Leighton Andrews AM, Minister for Education and Skills, and Jeff Cuthbert AM, Deputy Minister for Skills to the meeting. Members questioned the Ministers.

2.2 The Minister for Education and Skills agreed to send the Committee:

- Examples of college mergers that have provided savings.
- Figures on the additional funding required to cover the rise in tuition fees for Welsh students and where this additional funding has come from.
- A note on the funding increase for Coleg Ffederal and the University Heads of the Valleys Institute.
- A note on whether the budget allocation for the Welsh Language Delivery Unit is to be used for Welsh adult learners.
- A note on the budget allocation for Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin

3. Welsh Government Draft Budget Proposals 2012–2013 : Ministerial Scrutiny Session

3.1 The Chair welcomed the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science, and her officials to the meeting. Members questioned the Minister.

3.2 The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science agreed to send the Committee:

- A note on the budget transfers that have taken place so far within the differing areas of the Minister's portfolio.
- A paper on the repayable business finance scheme
- Details of any successful projects and what savings will be achieved as a consequence of these, in relation to the Invest-to-Save and Efficiency and Innovation Programme.

4. Papers to note

4.1 The Committee noted the following correspondence:

· Welsh Government Draft Budget Proposals 2012–2013: Evidence from Huw Lewis

Transcript

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