

Children and Young People Committee

Minutes CYP (3)-11-08

Date: Wednesday 9 July 2008

Time: 9.45 - 12.00

Venue: Committee Room 2, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

Helen Mary Jones (Chair), Llanelli
Eleanor Burnham, North Wales
Angela Burns, Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Christine Chapman, Cynon Valley
Ann Jones, Vale of Clwyd

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Tom Jackson, Clerk
Claire Griffiths, Deputy Clerk
Kathryn Potter, Members Research Service
Helen Roberts, Legal Adviser

Others in Attendance

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Item 1: Apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.

1.2 Apologies were received from Lynne Neagle. Ann Jones substituted.

Item 2: Notification of motion under Rule 10.37 of Standing Orders to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for Item 7

2.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

Item 3: Committee's Work Programme

Paper: CYP(3)-11-08(p.1)

3.1 The Committee noted the proposed work programme.

Actions:

The Chair to write to the Minister for Health and Social Services to ascertain why there is a reduced uptake of the meningitis booster given at 13 months of age and to see if there is a trend as to why this occurs and what can be done to increase the uptake. On receipt of the Minister's reply, Committee will decide whether to undertake a short inquiry into this issue in the autumn.

The Chair to write to the Deputy Minister for Regeneration to ascertain how well child poverty programmes has been/will be integrated into the Communities First/Next programmes. On receipt of the Deputy Minister's reply, Committee will decide whether to incorporate this issue into the on-going child poverty inquiries in the autumn and spring 2009 terms.

Item 4: Child Poverty: Welsh Assembly Government Consultation - Tacking action on child poverty

Paper: CYP(3)-11-08(p.2)

4.1 Members agreed not to make a response to the Consultation from the Committee as they wish to scrutinise the final document. They agreed to submit individual responses.

Action:

The Chair to write to the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government to advise him of the Committee's decision not to submit a response to the consultation.

Item 5: Child Poverty Inquiry

5.1 The witnesses responded to Member's questions.

Action:

The Clerk to ascertain if there are any grants available towards university tuition fees for young people with caring responsibilities and write to the facilitator of the Young People's Group facilitated by NCH Cymru with the information.

Item 7: Private Session

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