

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Minutes: ELL(2)-01-06

Meeting date: Wednesday 26 January 2006

Meeting time: 9.00am – 12.30pm

Meeting venue: Committee Rooms 3 & 4, National Assembly for Wales

Assembly Members in Attendance

Assembly Member	Constituency
Peter Black (Chair)	South West Wales
Christine Chapman	Cynon Valley
Jeff Cuthbert	Caerphilly
Jane Davidson (Minister)	Pontypridd
William Graham	South Wales East
Irene James	Islwyn
Janet Ryder	North Wales
Owen John Thomas	South Wales Central

Officials in Attendance

Name	Job title
Richard Davies	Group Director, Department for Training and Education (DfTE)
Judith Nedin	Business Systems Team
Barbara Morris	Training, Skills and Careers Policy

Others in Attendance

Name	Representing	Agenda item (s)

Susan Lewis	HM Chief Inspector of Education and Training, Estyn	4
Elaine Allison	Head of Inspection, Estyn	4
Sheila Drury	Executive Chairman National Council, ELWa	4
Richard Spear	Head of Funding, ELWa	4
Teresa Holdsworth	Head of Development and European Policy, ELWa	4
Brian Robinson OBE	Fforwm, Senior Vice Chair and Principal Coleg Sir Gar,	4
David Jones	Fforwm, Principal Deeside College,	4
Lord Rowlands	President, National Training Federation for Wales	4
Arwyn Watkins	Chair, National Training Federation for Wales	4

Committee Service

Name	Job title
Stephen George	Committee Clerk
Ruth Hatton	Deputy Clerk
Joanest Jackson	Legal Adviser

Item 1: Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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

1.2 No apologies were received.

1.3 There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with Standing Order 4.6

1.4 A verbatim record of the meeting is available.

Item 2: Minister's Report

Paper: ELL(2)-01-06(p.1)

2.1 The Minister responded to Members' questions concerning her report.

Action: The Minister to update Committee on the payment of Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA).

Action: The Minister to report to Committee on the initiatives taken to tackle teenage pregnancy in Wales.

Action: The Clerk to ensure that at the next Party Spokespersons meeting the possibility of an evidence session on the Youth Services and Extending Entitlement agenda is discussed.

Item 3: Secondary Legislation Forward Look

Paper: ELL(2)-01-06(.2)

3.1 The Chair asked Members to notify the Clerk of any Secondary Legislation they wished to be scrutinised.

Item 4: Work Based Learning

Paper: ELL(2)-01-06(p.3)

4.1 The Committee received evidence from Susan Lewis, HM Chief Inspector of Education and Training, Estyn and Elaine Allinson, Head of Inspection, Estyn.

Action: Susan Lewis to provide information to Committee on data held on learners with disabilities.

Item 4 Continued: Work Based Learning

Paper: ELL(2)-01-06(p.4), ELL(2)-01-06(p.5) and ELL(2)-01-06(p.6)

4.2 The Committee received evidence from;

Susan Lewis, HM Chief Inspector of Education and Training, Estyn; Elaine Allinson, Head of Inspection, Estyn;

Sheila Drury, Executive Chairman, National Council ELWa; Teresa Holdsworth, ELWa; Richard Spear, ELWa;

Brian Robinson OBE, senior Vice Chair and Principal, Coleg Sir Gar; David Jones, Principal Deeside College;

Lord Rowlands, president of National Training Federation for Wales and Arwyn Watkins, Chair of National Training Federation for Wales.

Item 5: Minutes of Previous Meetings

Papers ELL(2) 13-05(mins) and ELL(2) 14-05(mins)

5.1 The Committee agreed the minutes of the previous meetings held on 30 November 2005 and 8 December 2005.

Paper to Note

Action Points

The Committee noted the paper