

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Minutes (ELL2-07-05mins)

Meeting date: Wednesday 8 June 2005

Meeting time: 9.00am -12.40pm

Meeting venue: Committee Room 1, National Assembly, Cardiff Bay

Assembly Members in Attendance

Assembly Member	Constituency
Peter Black (Chair)	South Wales West
Christine Chapman (Deputy Minister)	Cynon Valley
Jeff Cuthbert	Caerphilly
Jane Davidson (Minister)	Pontypridd
William Graham	South Wales East
Mark Isherwood	North Wales
Irene James	Islwyn
Denise Idris Jones	Conwy
David Melding (Item 4)	South West Central
Janet Ryder	North Wales
Owen John Thomas	South West Central

Officials in Attendance

Name	Job title
Richard Davies	Group Director, Department for Training and Education (DfTE)
John Howells	Head, Higher Education Division
Judith Nedin	Head, Business Systems Division
Mair Watkins	Pupil Support Division
Carys Richards	Pupil Support Division
Phil Rogers	Acting Head, Teaching and Leadership Division
Sue Lovell	Teaching and Leadership Division

Others in Attendance

Name	Representing	Agenda item
Professor Teresa Rees	Chair, Rees Review Panel	2
Kenneth Richards	Rees Review Panel Member	2
Neil Surman	Review Secretariat	2
Rhiannon Walker	President, SEN Tribunal for Wales	4
Huw Maguire	Secretary, SEN Tribunal for Wales	4
Gary Brace	Chief Executive, General Teaching Council for Wales	5
Mal Davies	Chair, General Teaching Council for Wales	5

Committee Service

Name	Job title
Chris Reading	Clerk
Holly Pembridge	Deputy Clerk
Daniella Holland	Support Officer
Joanest Jackson	Legal Adviser

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

1.1 No apologies were received.

1.2 The Chair announced that some Committee Members would be making a fact-finding visit to Scotland in connection with the policy review of special educational needs. Members would meet politicians and officials from the Scottish Parliament and also visit two local schools.

1.3 There were no declarations of interest under standing order 4.6.

1.4 A verbatim record of the meeting is available.

Item 2: Minister's Report (9.05-9.55am)

Paper: ELL2-07-05(p.1) and Annexes

2.1 The Minister introduced her report and then answered questions.

Actions

- Item 4 - The Welsh Assembly Government Community Focused Schools Grant - the Minister to write to Chair setting out the different funding streams for small and rural schools;
- Item 6 - Children's Commissioner - Complaints Procedure - Minister to report back to Committee, via the response to the School of the Future report, once the Assembly Government's anti-bullying report is available.

Item 3: Rees review - Final Report (9.55-10.55am)

Paper: None

3.1 Professor Teresa Rees made an oral presentation, then - with her colleagues - answered Members' questions.

Item 4: Policy Review of Special Educational Needs (Part 2)

(11.05am- 11.55am)

Paper: None

4.1 Rhiannon Walker and Huw Maguire made a PowerPoint presentation, then responded to Members' questions. A copy of the presentation is available on the Committee's webpages.

Item 5: Professional Development Framework for Teachers - General Teaching Council for Wales
(11.55am-12.40pm)

Paper: None

5.1 Gary Brace and Mal Davies made a PowerPoint presentation, then answered Members' questions. A copy of the presentation is available on the Committee's webpages.

Item 6: Secondary Legislation Forward Look (12.40pm)

Paper: ELL2-07-05(p.2)

7.1 The Committee noted the schedule of forthcoming legislation, and agreed to submit any suggestions for future scrutiny to the Clerk.

Item 7: Minutes of the previous meeting

Paper: ELL2-05-05(min)

7.1 The Committee ratified the minutes of the meeting of 11 May 2005.