

# Education Lifelong Learning and Skills Committee

**Minutes: ELLS(2)-05-06**

**Meeting date: Thursday 16 March 2006**

**Meeting time: 9.00am – 12.30pm**

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

## Assembly Members in Attendance

<b>Assembly Member</b>	<b>Constituency</b>
Peter Black (Chair)	South West Wales
Christine Chapman	Cynon Valley
Jeff Cuthbert	Caerphilly
Jane Davidson (Minister)	Pontypridd
William Graham	South Wales East
Denise Idris Jones	Conwy
Janet Ryder	North Wales
Owen John Thomas	South Wales Central

## Officials in Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Job title</b>
Steve Marshall	Director of Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills Division, Welsh Assembly Government
Elizabeth Taylor	Head of Schools Management Division, Welsh Assembly Government

Barbara Morris	Training, Skills and Careers Policy Division 2, Welsh Assembly Government
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## Others in Attendance

Name	Job title
Anthony Snow	Wales Audit Office
Julie May	Wales Audit Office
Huw Lloyd Jones	Wales Audit Office
Sheila Drury	Executive Chairman, ELWa – National Council
Teresa Holdsworth	Head of Planning and European Policy – ELWa National Council
Richard Spear	Head of Funding – ELWa National Council
Peter Huntington	Chief Executive of Go Skills
Judith Compton	Head of Standards and Qualifications, Sector Skills Development Agency
Peter McGowan	Department for Education and Training, Welsh Assembly Government

## Committee Service

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

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

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

1.2 Apologies were received from Irene James, Denis Idris Jones would substitute.

1.3 There were no declarations of interest.

1.4 A verbatim record of the meeting is available.

## **Item 2: Minister's Report**

**Paper: ELL(2)-05-06(p.1)**

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

Actions:

- The Minister to provide an update on immersion pilots and Athrawon Bro in her next report.
- The Minister to bring an update on an whistle blowing policies and the consultation on draft guidance and model policies for governing bodies and to Committee to the first meeting in the summer term.
- The Minister to provide Committee with an update on workforce planning and how the communication strategy is going forward in relation to the Foundation Phase.
- The Committee to receive a report from the Minister on training in relation to the Foundation Phase in the summer term.
- The Minister to write to Committee regarding the 'agreement' that each nursery setting in addition to having a teaching assistant also has a qualified teacher for 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a week, equating to half a day a week.
- The Minister to report to Committee on Child Trust Funds.
- The Minister to obtain information regarding the impact on a teacher's pension of periods of time taken out for sabbaticals.

## **Item 3: Secondary Legislation Forward Look**

**Paper: ELLS(2)-05-06(.2)**

3.1 The Committee agreed to scrutinise the ELL-07-06- Assembly Learning Grants and Loans (Higher Education) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 and ELL-09-06-Assembly Learning Grants and Loans (Higher Education) (Wales) Regulations 2007.

Item 4: Committee Representation at Launch of WALES Higher Education in Brussels

Paper: No Paper – Oral Item

4.1 This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

## **Item 5: Wales Audit Office – School Funding Report**

**Paper: ELLS(2)-05-06(p5) and ELLS(2) 05-06(p8)**

5.1 The Committee considered the Wales Audit Office report.

5.2 The Minister informed Committee that she would respond to the report within six weeks.

### **Item 6: Work Based Learning**

#### **Paper: ELL(2)-03-06(p5)**

6.1 The Committee heard evidence from Sheila Drury, Executive Chairman National Council ELWa; Teresa Holdsworth, Head of Planning and European Policy, National Council ELWa; Richard Spear, Head of Funding, National Council ELWa; Peter Hunington, Chief Executive, Go Skills; Judith Compton, Head of Standards and Qualification, Sector Skills Development Agency and Peter McGowan, Department for Education and Training, Welsh Assembly Government.

Action: ELWa to investigate the phasing out of welding courses in Ystrad Mynach.

#### **Paper to Note: Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

##### **Paper: ELL(2) -04-06(mins)**

The Committee noted the minutes.

#### **Paper to Note: HEFCW Remit Letter 2006-07**

##### **Paper: ELL(2)-05-06(p6)**

The Committee noted the paper

#### **Paper to Note: Draft Assembly Government Guidance to the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales on Fee Planning**

##### **Paper: ELL(2)-05-06(p7) and Annex**

The Committee noted the paper

### **Private Session**

The Committee resolved to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting, in accordance with Standing Order 8.24(vi)