

Joint Meeting of Committees

Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills; Health and Social Services; Social Justice and Regeneration; and Equality of Opportunity Committees

Agenda (JC(2)-01-07)

Meeting date: Thursday 8 March 2007

Meeting time: 10:30am to 12:30pm

Meeting venue: Committee Rooms 1 and 2, Senedd, National Assembly for Wales

Item 1: Introduction, apologies and declarations of interest (10:30am – 10:35am)

Item 2: Introduction of the 2005-06 Children's Commissioner's Annual Report (10:35am – 11:00am)

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| Purpose | The office of the Children's Commissioner will give an overview of Children's Commissioner's 2005-06 Annual Report for 2005-06 and will answer questions from Committee Members on Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the report. |
| In attendance | Maria Battle – Acting Children's Commissioner for Wales Rhian Davies – Assistant Children's Commissioner Sara Reid – Assistant Children's Commissioner |
| Paper | Annual Report 2005-06 |

Item 3: Review of issues relevant to the rights and welfare of children (11:00am – 12:10pm)

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| Purpose | To consider Section 5 of the 2005-06 Annual Report. |
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| In attendance | As above |
| Paper | Annual Report 2005-06 |

The following issues were highlighted by the Children's Commissioner in Section 5 of the Annual Report:

- Independent Advocacy Services
- Implementation of Clywch recommendations and Counselling support
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and other health services for children and young people
- Child Poverty
- Services for young people with sexually harmful behaviour
- Education of looked after children and the impact of good corporate parenting
- Voluntary withdrawals or informal exclusions from school
- The Mosquito device and the issue of respect
- Limousines and vehicle safety
- Children and food
- School nurses
- Safe use of the internet and information communications technology
- School transport
- Child protection in activity centres
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child reporting

Item 4: Future Work Programme (12:10pm – 12:30pm)

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| Purpose | To consider the Office of the Children's Commissioner Future Work Programme as outlined in Section 4 of the 2005-06 Annual Report. |
| In attendance | As above |
| Paper | Annual Report 2005-06 |