

Joint Meeting of the: Education Lifelong Learning and Skills (ELLS); Health and Social Services (HSS); Social Justice and Regeneration (SJR); and Equality of Opportunity Committees (EOO)

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Meeting date: Thursday 8 March 2007

Meeting time: 10.30am to 12.30pm

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

Assembly Member	Constituency	Committees
Peter Black (Chair)	South Wales West	ELLS
Gwenda Thomas	Neath	EOO (Chair)
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Carmarthen East	HSS (Chair)
Lorraine Barrett	Cardiff South and Penarth	SJR and EOO
Mick Bates	Montgomeryshire	SJR
Christine Chapman	Cynon Valley	ELLS
Jeff Cuthbert	Caerphilly	ELLS
Jane Davidson	Pontypridd	Minister for ELLS
William Graham	South Wales East	ELLS
John Griffiths	Newport East	HSS and EOO
Mark Isherwood	North Wales	SJR and EOO
Irene James	Islwyn	ELLS
Helen Mary Jones	Mid and West Wales	HSS and EOO
Laura Anne Jones	South West Central	SJR and EOO

Sandy Mewies	Delyn	SJR
Jenny Randerson	Cardiff Central	HSS and EOO
Janet Ryder	North Wales	ELLS
Karen Sinclair	Clwyd South	HSS
Leanne Wood	South West Central	SJR and EOO

Officials in Attendance

Name	Job title
David Middleton	Head of Children's Framework Team, Welsh Assembly Government

Others in Attendance

Name	Representing
Maria Battle	Acting Children's Commissioner for Wales
Rhian Davies	Assistant Commissioner
Sara Reid	Assistant Commissioner

Committee Service

Name	Job title
Steve George	Committee Clerk, Education Lifelong Learning and Skills Committee
Ruth Hatton	Deputy Committee Clerk, Education Lifelong Learning and Skills Committee

The meeting was chaired by Peter Black.

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

1.1 Apologies had been received from:

Janice Gregory AM, Chair of Social Justice and Regeneration Committee;
Brian Gibbons AM, Minister for Health and Social Services
Edwina Hart AM, Minister Social Justice and Regeneration Committee;
Jane Hutt AM, Minister for Assembly Business, Equalities and Children;
Huw Lewis AM, Social Justice and Regeneration Committee and Equality of Opportunity Committee;
Trish Law AM, Social Justice and Regeneration Committee; and
Catherine Thomas, Equal Opportunities Committee;

1.2 There were no declarations of interest.

Items 2, 3 and 4: Annual Report of the Children's Commissioner for Wales

2.1 The Chair welcomed Maria Battle and Sara Reid and invited them to introduce the Annual Report for 2005-06.

2.2 A verbatim transcript of the meeting will be available.

Action:

The Joint Committee Chair to write asking that in future the Children's Commissioner's Annual Report should be scrutinised annually by a 'Committee of the whole House';

The Joint Committee Chair to write asking that, in the third Assembly, a 'Children's Committee' should be established to consider on a regular basis the full range of issues that can affect children.

All Committees, individually, to include scrutiny arrangements of the Children's Commissioner's Annual Report in the legacy papers for successor Committees in the third Assembly.