Education and Life-Long Learning Committee

Date: 13 December 2000

Time: 2.00 p.m.

Venue: Committee Room 3, National Assembly Building

Agenda

Item 1: Assembly Minister's Report (10 minutes)

Paper: ELL 04-00 (p.1)

To include: Remit of the Independent Review of Student Hardship

and Funding

The Welsh Baccalaureate

Item 2: Policy Review - Early Years Provision for three-year-olds - Committee's Draft report (30 minutes)

Paper: ELL 04-00(p.2)

The Working Group has concluded its work on the text of the Committee's report and is presenting it for the Committee to approve.

Item 3: Policy Review - Higher Education

Presentation by Steve Martin, Chief Executive, Welsh Funding Councils and Professor Phil Gummett, Head of Higher Education Division, Welsh Funding Councils: *Overview of Higher Education Sector in Wales.* (45 minutes)

Paper: ELL 04-00(p.3)

The Committee will break for 15 minutes

Presentation by Professor Sir Adrian Webb Chair and Professor Robin Williams, Vice-Chair, Higher Education Wales: *Key Issues for Higher Education Sector in Wales.* (30 minutes)

Paper: ELL 04-00(p.4)

Oral report by the Committee's Expert Adviser, Professor Les Hobson: *Progress to date.* (30 minutes)

Item 4: Minutes of November 17th and November 29th

Minutes: ELL 02-00(min) and ELL 03-00(min)

Papers to Note

| Work Based Learning for Adults | ELL 04-00(p.5) & ELL 04-00(p.5a) |
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| Regulations introducing Nutritional Standards in School Meals | ELL 04-00(p.6) |
| Economic Inactivity in Wales | ELL 04-00(p.7) |
| Urban White Paper : Our Towns and Cities : the Future | ELL 04-00(p.8) |
| Letter from Chair to the Minister re: Report of the Future Skills Wales Taskforce | ELL 04-00 (p.9) |
| Letter from Minister to Chair re: Funding | ELL 04-00(p.10) |
| Learning and Skills Act 2000: Progress Report | ELL 04-00(p.11) |