

**EDUCATION and LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE  
STRATEGIC FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (DRAFT)**

**October 2001 to December 2002**

Policy Development – Standing Order 9.7(i)	Time-scale	Better Wales and Partnership Targets
Review of higher education	Report to Plenary 22 January 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ To establish a strong future for Welsh universities by producing a ten-year strategy for adequately funded development and expansion.</li> </ul>
Review of the educational aspects of the Welsh language –contribution to review being carried out by the Culture Committee	Dec 2001 to June 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Further support for the development of bilingual skills for more of our children and young people</li> </ul>
Building effective communities and the School of the Future	To be agreed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ A National Grid for Learning with links to museums and libraries.</li> <li>❑ Action to tackle inequalities across the board.</li> <li>❑ Action to combat disadvantage in schools, reduce exclusions and raise relative performance</li> <li>❑ More investment to improve school buildings through the " School Buildings Upgrade Fund" and to phase out all substandard mobile classrooms</li> </ul>

Skills and Training (attitudinal approach e.g. enterprise, team working links to the needs of the economy)	To be agreed	
Youth Strategy	To be agreed	
<b>Monitoring of ASPBs – Standing Order 9.7 (iii)</b>		
No full review is planned but the committee will scrutinise the annual reports of the following bodies:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ ACCAC</li> <li>❑ Estyn</li> <li>❑ ELWa - Higher Education Funding Council</li> <li>❑ ELWa - National Council for Education and Training</li> <li>❑ General Teaching Council for Wales</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ November 2001</li> <li>❑ March 2002</li> <li>❑ January 2002</li> <li>❑ January 2002</li> <li>❑ February 2002</li> </ul>	
<b>Legislation – Standing Orders 9.8(i) and 22</b>	As necessary	

<b>Budget – Standing Order 9.8(ii)</b>	Annually including: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial views on priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Views on preliminary draft budget <input type="checkbox"/> Views on allocated resources.	
<b>Public Appointments – Standing Order 9.8(iv)</b>	As necessary	
<b>Scrutiny of Minister – Standing Order 9.7(ii)</b>	Monthly	

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