

Children and Young People Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 1 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 24 October 2012**

Meeting time: **10:03 – 12:20**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Christine Chapman (Chair)
Angela Burns
Jocelyn Davies
Suzy Davies
Rebecca Evans
Julie Morgan
Lynne Neagle
Jenny Rathbone
Aled Roberts
Simon Thomas

Witnesses:

Gareth Pierce, Chief Executive, WJEC
Jo Richards, Head of Research, WJEC
Glenys Stacey, Chief Regulator, Ofqual
Cath Jadhav, Acting Director of Standards and Research, Ofqual

Committee Staff:

Claire Morris (Clerk)
Kayleigh Driscoll (Deputy Clerk)
Anne Thomas (Researcher)
Sian Thomas (Researcher)

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2. GCSE English Language grades Summer 2012

2.1 The Chair welcomed Gareth Pierce and Jo Richards to the meeting. Members questioned the witnesses.

Action Points:

- Gareth Pierce said that the WJEC have been doing some work to look, retrospectively, at the affect that the Key Stage 2 methodology would have on the outcomes of GCSEs other than English where the majority of candidates were in England. The work has yet to be verified, but he agreed to share that with the Committee in due course.
- Gareth Pierce agreed to confirm if the Wales regulator was in attendance at the Standards and Technical Issues Group (STIG) meeting on 14 March 2012.

3. GCSE English Language grades Summer 2012

3.1 The Chair welcomed Glenys Stacey and Cath Jadhav to the meeting. Members questioned the witnesses.

Action Point:

Glenys Stacey agreed to provide the overall percentage figure of the market for the new suite of English GCSEs that each of the awarding bodies (WJEC, AQA, Edexcel, OCR and CCEA) represent.

4. Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

5. Inquiry into Adoption – Consideration of Draft Report

5.1 Subject to a few minor amendments the Committee agreed the report.

6. Discussion of the Forward Work Programme

6.1 The Chair agreed to write to the Minister for Education and Skills on Emergency Life Saving skills.

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