Children and Young People Committee

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Eleri Thomas, Chief Executive, Children's Commissioner

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Committee Staff: Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk)

Bethan Davies (Second Clerk)

Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)

Sian Thomas (Researcher)

Michael Dauncey (Researcher)

Stephen Davies (Legal Advisor)

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

The Chair welcomed Members and the Public to the meeting. Apologies were received from Suzy Davies, there was no substitute.

2 Children's Commissioner's Annual Report

Members questioned the Children's Commissioner's on his Annual Report. The Commissioner agreed to provide a note on the following:

Administrative costs and accounting procedures within the office over the past two years;

Specific details on the process of the Childs Rights Impact Assessments and

Further details on the Commissioner's work into access for disabled children and young people in mainstream education, pupil referral unit and short breaks.

The Commissioner agreed to provide the Committee with a briefing on provision of CAMHS services.

The Committee agreed to write to the Commissioner with further questions.

3 Education (Wales) Bill - Stage 1 - Consideration of key issues

The Committee discussed the key issues paper. A draft report would be considered at the next meeting.

4 Papers to note

The papers were noted.

- Papers to Note Cover Sheet
- Welsh Government Draft Budget 2014 2015 Additional information from the Minister for Education and Skills
- Welsh Government Draft Budget 2014 2015 Additional Information from the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

- Additional information from the WLGA following the meeting on 26 September
- E-mail from Funky Dragon regarding the Welsh Government Draft budget 2014-2015 scrutiny session