

# Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 20 July 2017

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.40

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Lynne Neagle AM (Chair) Michelle Brown AM John Griffiths AM Llyr Gruffydd AM Julie Morgan AM Mark Reckless AM
Witnesses:	Carl Sargeant AM, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children Jo-Anne Daniels, Welsh Government Albert Heaney, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Llinos Madeley (Clerk) Hasera Khan (Deputy Clerk) Hywel Dafydd (Researcher)



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### **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

The Chair welcomed Members. Apologies were received from Darren Millar and Hefin David. There was no substitute.

The Chair recorded the Committee's thanks to Anne Thomas of the National Assembly for Wales' Research Service and wished her well for her retirement.

### **2 Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children – general scrutiny session**

The Cabinet Secretary agreed to provide additional written information on the following:

- The Child's Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA) process, including the system in place to monitor its use and examples of changes to policy which have occurred as a result of a CRIA;
- The relative independence of Wales' statutory commissioners model as compared with those in other countries (focusing on the Children's Commissioner in particular);
- The timescales to which Children First pioneer areas are working;
- An update on when the childcare workforce strategy will be delivered, and further detail on its content and plan for implementation;
- The work being undertaken by his team in relation to children and young people in preparation for the UK's withdrawal from the EU;
- Details on recent (academic) evaluations of Flying Start and other similar post-code based schemes, with specific comparisons of outcomes for those children who access the schemes and those who do not.

The Cabinet Secretary also undertook to provide early in the autumn term a definitive response to the question of whether he will re-establish the External Advisory Group on Advocacy.

### **3 Paper(s) to note**

The papers were noted.

- 3.1 Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language – Youth Work**
  - 3.2 Letter from the Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language – Additional Learning Needs Transformation Programme**
  - 3.3 Letter from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-being and Sport – Revised School Nursing Framework**
  - 3.4 Letter from the Llywydd – Implementation of the Wales Act 2017**
  - 3.5 Statement by the Children's Commissioner for Wales – the Concluding Observations of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child**
  - 3.6 Letter from the Llywydd and Chair of Business Committee – Programming forthcoming legislation**
  - 3.7 Statement from the Wales UNCRC Monitoring Group – first official anniversary of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child**
- 4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the remainder of the meeting.**

The motion was agreed.

### **5 Consideration of the Financial Guidance and Claims Bill Legislative Consent Memorandum**

The Committee considered a paper on the LCM and agreed a draft report would be considered in the Autumn term.

## **6 Welsh Government draft Budget 2018–19 – consideration of approach**

The Committee agreed the approach.

## **7 Letters from the Llywydd – Programming forthcoming Legislation and implementation of the Wales Act 2017**

The Committee considered the letters and agreed its response to both.