

Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 19 October 2011**

Meeting time: **09:00 – 11:34**

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Assembly Members:

Ann Jones (Chair)
Peter Black
Janet Finch–Saunders
Mike Hedges
Mark Isherwood
Bethan Jenkins
Gwyn R Price
Ken Skates
Rhodri Glyn Thomas
Joyce Watson

Witnesses:

Leighton Andrews, Minister for Education and Skills
Edwina Hart, Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science
Ceinwen Jones, Head, Welsh Language Development Unit
Reg Kilpatrick, Director, Local Government and Public Service
Owain Lloyd, Operations Team LGC
Roger Pride, Director of Marketing, BETS
Emyr Roberts, Director General, Department for Education and Skills
Carl Sargeant, Minister for Local Government and Communities

Committee Staff:

Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk)
Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)
Rhys Iorwerth (Researcher)
Jonathan Baxter (Researcher)

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

There were no apologies.

2. Scrutiny of Welsh Government draft budget proposals 2012 – 2013

2.1 Carl Sargeant AM, Minister for Local Government and Communities

The Minister agreed to provide a note on how much each Local Authority received from the additional £54 million funding allocated for equal pay settlements and detail on if it was used for this purpose.

The Minister agreed to keep the Committee updated on any developments in relation to the introduction of legislation with regard to equal pay settlements.

The Minister agreed to provide a note on discussions with the WCVA regarding the structure and streamlining of organisations in the provision of services.

The Minister agreed to provide a note on the process of providing additional Police Community Support Officers.

The Minister agreed to provide a note on what effect will the 9.2% real terms cut in the substance misuse capital funding will have on the ability of the Welsh Government to deliver the targets in the Working Together to Reduce Harm strategy.

2.2 Break

2.3 Leighton Andrews AM, Minister for Education and Skills

The Minister agreed to provide a note on the Welsh Language screening policy within his department and within other Ministerial portfolios.

2.4 Edwina Hart AM, Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science

The Minister agreed to provide a detailed list of the events they have supported outside Cardiff and proposed future events.

3. Papers to note

Paper noted.

Transcript

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