

# Children and Young People Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 26 January 2012**

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Meeting time: **09:15 – 12:10**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

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

### Witnesses:

**Leighton Andrews, Minister for Education and Skills**  
**Jeff Cuthbert, Deputy Minister for Skills**  
**Chris Tweedale, Director, Children, Young People and Schools Effectiveness Group, Welsh Government**  
**John Pugsley, Head of 14–19 Learning Pathways**  
**Gwenda Thomas, Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services**  
**Martin Swain, Lead for Children and Families Partnership Working, Welsh Government**  
**Jo Trott, Head of Flying Start**

### Committee Staff:

**Claire Morris (Clerk)**  
**Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Anne Thomas (Researcher)**

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## 1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting. There were no apologies.

## **2. Implementation of the Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009: Evidence Session**

2.1 The Chair welcomed the witnesses. Members questioned the witnesses on the implementation of the Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009.

### **Action Points**

- The Minister for Education and Skills agreed to provide examples of best practice where greater collaboration has resulted in financial savings.
- The Minister for Education and Skills agreed to provide a note on the laptop pilot scheme.
- The Chair agreed to write to the Minister for Education and Skills with evidence of where schools are teaching modern foreign languages outside of core schools hours.

## **3. Flying Start**

3.1 The Chair welcomed the witnesses. Members questioned the witnesses on the Flying Start programme.

### **Action Point**

- The Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services agreed to provide further information on families in receipt of Income Support who are participating in the Flying Start programme.
- The Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services agreed to investigate claims whether LHB's were freezing the recruitment of generic Health Visitors as a result of the funding for additional Health Visitors into the Flying Start programme.

## **4. Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business and for the meeting on 1 February 2012:**

4.1 Members agreed the motion to exclude the public for the remainder of the business and the meeting on 1 February.

## **5. Children's Oral Health in Wales**

5.1 Subject to a couple of minor amendments, Members agreed the draft report on Children's Oral Health.

## **6. Adoption Inquiry – Appointment of Expert Adviser**

6.1 Members agreed to appointing an expert adviser to assist with the adoption inquiry.

## **7. Papers to note**

7.1 Information from Higher Education Wales

## Transcript

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