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Lynne Neagle MS
Chair
Children, Young People and Education Committee

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Dear Lynne

In my letter to you of 19 November, I committed to keeping the Committee informed about the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW) Chair appointment process.

As I will be standing down at next year's Senedd elections, and given the significance of this appointment, I felt that it was appropriate for my successor to lead the process to appoint a permanent new Chair of the HEFCW Council.

I have therefore decided to appoint as interim Chair, Rob Humphreys, who is currently a member of the Council. Mr Humphreys will serve from 5 January 2021 until 4 January 2022 or until a permanent Chair is appointed, whichever is sooner.

Mr Humphreys has been a Member of the HEFCW Council since 15 June 2018. Prior to that he was Director of The Open University in Wales and has served on a number of major education reviews and commissions, including the Diamond and Rees reviews and the Independent Commission on the College of the Future. His knowledge, experience and commitment to higher education, life-long learning and the civic and cultural role of the sector in Wales is second to none. His experience as a member of Council and chairing HEFCW's Student Opportunity and Achievement Committee make him an excellent candidate to serve as an interim Chair.

I anticipate that the appointment exercise will be re-run, under a new Minister, following next year's Senedd elections.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirsty Williams', written over a light grey background.

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