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## **The Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2023-24**

Dear colleagues,

The Children, Young People and Education Committee recently considered how to approach its scrutiny of the Welsh Government's 2023-24 Draft Budget.

We have committed in our [Sixth Senedd strategy](#) to seek out opportunities to work with other Senedd committees where there are areas of shared interest and where it will improve scrutiny. We therefore asked officials supporting the Children, Young People and Education Committee to share any relevant written evidence we receive and briefing information with other Senedd committees to support holistic, joined-up scrutiny of the Draft Budget across the Senedd.

We have also asked officials to be mindful of where we may be coming to similar views to another committee about matters that straddle committees' remits, with a view to proposing joint recommendations if appropriate. During scrutiny of the 2022-23 Draft Budget, we and the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee made a joint recommendation relating to transparency of one particular funding stream - an important matter of principle for both committees. I believe the joint recommendation added weight to our shared views.

I would be very grateful for your reciprocal support on the above issues.

We also agreed that our scrutiny of the Draft Budget will include consideration of the following cross-cutting issues:

- the Welsh Government's so-called 'revised baseline': how clearly and accurately it presents changes in expenditure from one year to the next.
- how the Draft Budget impacts different groups of people and how well these impacts are taken into account in the Welsh Government's Strategic Integrated Impact Assessment (SIIA). The Welsh Government has assured us that the SIIA sets out the contextual evidence that supports its spending decisions. However, we do not believe that the SIIA published alongside the 2022-23 Draft Budget clearly demonstrated its compliance with its duties under the Rights of the Child and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011. We believe that a Child Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA) should be undertaken for the Draft Budget as a whole and published as a standalone document.

These issues, or closely related issues, may be relevant to your Committee's consideration of the 2023-24 Draft Budget. If so, I would welcome any opportunities for coordinated scrutiny. I have asked officials supporting the Children, Young People and Education Committee to pursue any such opportunities, depending on your views and those of your fellow committee members.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.