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Priorities for the Children, Young People and Education Committee

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Question 1 – Within the remit set out above: what do you consider to be the priorities or issues that the Children, Young People and Education Committee should consider during the Fifth Assembly?

i. Compulsory Political and Democratic Education (KS3 Comprehensive)

I think that the Committee should consider launching an inquiry into political and democratic education in Welsh Schools. The inquiry should:

- Explore current provision in Welsh Schools;
- Evaluate and scrutinise the effectiveness of the Welsh Baccalaureate in educating young people on politics and democracy;
- Launch two widely-accessible consultation programmes, one for teaching staff and one for young people;
- Explore pre-existing mechanisms and curriculums in other countries; and
- Compile and forward recommendations for the Welsh Government.

ii. Welsh Youth Democratic Organisations (National and Regional)

I think that the Committee should consider completing a series of inquiries relating to Welsh Youth Democratic Organisations (such as Youth Councils). Due to the ‘post-code’ lottery culture that exists around these organisations in Wales, along with the absence of an established national infrastructure, there is a lack of consistency in the quality of these organisations across Wales. Therefore, I believe the Committee should take evidence from members of pre-existing

organisations (e.g. Youth Councils and forums) in order to formulate a proposed set of statutory standards across Wales.

iii. The Participation and Consultation of Children and Young People (below the voting age of 18) on Matters Relating to the UK's Exit from the EU.

The result of the referendum and the political aftermath that followed (i.e. the resignation of the Prime Minister) has cultured much disillusionment amongst children and young people, with both politics and their futures.

Therefore, I think that the Committee should launch an inquiry into:

- How the Welsh Government is ensuring the voices and concerns of children and young people are heard in 'Brexit' discussions; and
- How the Welsh Government/Welsh Assembly is planning on educating children and young people on the changes occurring in their country and inevitably, in their futures.

Question 2 – From the list of priorities or issues you have identified, what do you consider to be the key areas that should be considered during the next 12 months (please identify up to three areas or issues)? Please outline why these should be considered as key priorities.

Due to the current political climate, I believe that the following two priorities should be key areas for the Committee over the next 12 months:

- Compulsory Political and Democratic Education (KS3 Comprehensive) (priority i.); and
- The Participation and Consultation of Children and Young People (below the voting age of 18) on Matters Relating to the UK's Exit from the EU (priority iii.).