
Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru
Y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg

National Assembly for Wales
Children, Young People and Education Committee

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Dear Both,

General scrutiny session – 10 October 2018

Thank you for agreeing to attend a joint scrutiny session on 10 October 2018. The focus of the session will be higher and further education.

In advance of the session please find annexed to this letter a list of areas on which the Committee would welcome a written paper. We would welcome the paper two weeks before the session, by Wednesday 26 September 2018. Given the general nature of the session, Members may choose to ask questions not covered in the annex to this letter.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch with the clerking team.

Yours sincerely,



Lynne Neagle AM
Chair



ANNEX – Information requested

The Committee would welcome a written paper in advance of the meeting covering the following issues:

1. General update

- A general update on the higher and further education sectors.

2. The Cabinet Secretary's and First Minister's agreed priorities

An update on:

- The promotion and enhancement of academic and vocational routes into – and through – further and higher education, including any relevant performance indicators used by Welsh Government in aid of this aim.
- Initial teacher training and education (ITET) accreditation, including:
 - an assessment of the impact of the ITET accreditation decisions on Swansea University and the University of South Wales; and
 - an assessment of ITET applications against targets for September 2018.
- The prioritisation of support for enhanced links between education and industry, including;
 - an update on any performance indicators used by Welsh Government in aid of this aim;
 - and scrutiny of the efficacy of the regional skills partnerships in relation to education provision.
- Y Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol's remit extension into further education and work-based learning, including:
 - any additional funding for this extension of remit; and
 - general Welsh medium education provision in further and higher education.

3. Wider Welsh Government policies and in-year funding

An update on:

- Relevant funding allocations, including:



- the January and February 2018 in-year funding allocations to HEFCW as detailed in Welsh Governments [March 2018 HEFCW remit letter](#) revision;
 - in-year allocations to further education providers; and
 - any EU transition funding.
- PCET reform progress as consulted on this spring and summer, and an explanation of the next steps, including in relation to:
 - stakeholder engagement;
 - the consideration of options; and
 - the timetable for legislation.
- Equality of opportunity for, and the promotion of higher education to, under-represented groups.
- Action the Welsh Government is taking to ensure that higher and further education institutions support and promote students' wellbeing.
- The Welsh Government's position in relation to the reconfiguration of higher education.

4. Delivery

- The plans and systems in place to ensure that Welsh Government teams supporting pre and post-16 education work together on, and coordinate the delivery of, Welsh Government policy.

