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National Assembly for Wales
Children, Young People and Education Committee

Kirsty Williams, AM
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Welsh Government

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Dear Kirsty

Inquiry into the Impact of Brexit on Higher and Further Education

Thank you for your letter of 23 October in response to the two actions from the meeting of the Committee on 20 September on the Committee's inquiry into the Impact of Brexit on Higher and Further Education.

The Committee is grateful to you for your response, but would be very grateful if you could expand on your response to the second of these action points.

Your paper to the Committee ahead of the meeting stated that you had provided an 'additional £6.241m funding to HEFCW to enable the Council to deal with any short-term implications arising from demographic changes and the initial implications of EU transition'. When this was discussed during Committee you agreed to provide an analysis of how the additional £6.2 million to HEFCW had been allocated or spent in practise – as this was unclear.

Your letter of 23 October confirms that HEFCW made the decision to 'use the funding to reduce the level of the funding adjustment applied to HEFCW's allocations to institutions in the 2017/18 academic year, ensuring they were able to benefit immediately from the additional funding'. However, it remains unclear from this response what initial Brexit implications were identified as requiring mitigation via such funding and how that funding was used in practice to deal

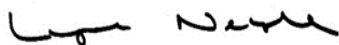


with those same initial implications of the EU transition – part of the stated intention of the funding.

The Committee considered a key issues paper for this inquiry today, and were still concerned that it was not clear how this funding had been used in relation to the Brexit transition. We would be grateful, therefore, if you could provide an analysis of what initial implications were identified as requiring mitigation due to the EU transition and how the £6.2 million contributed to their management in practice.

We would be grateful if this information could be provided by 8 November, so that it can help inform the drafting of the Committee's report.

Yours sincerely



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