



## ACTIVE MUSIC SERVICES

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Dear Petitions Committee

Petition:P-05-880

The following documents are relevant to the above petition.

- 1 Task & Finish Report - published in 2015 and response from the Welsh Government in 2019.
- 2 Hitting the Right Note - WG Cultural report published in July 2018.
- 3 All correspondence from Active Music Services (AMS), Music Education Council (MEC), CAGAC, WLGA, ADEW as well as organisations and individuals to the Cabinet Minister for Education Kirsty Williams, the Chair of the Cultural Committee Bethan Sayed and Lord Elis Thomas.
- 4 All minutes since 2015 of meetings held between civil servants, AMS, MEC, CAGAC, ADEW, WLGA relevant organisations and individuals.
- 5 Terms & Reference for the Feasibility Study currently in progress.

On page 6 of the Welsh Government education policy document there are two pyramids (Diagram 1 & 2) setting out the progressive structure for delivering music education in Wales to 3-19 year olds.

*Quote 1: Music making in schools and individual/group tuition provided by music services - potentially reaching every child.*

*Quote 2: Skills development through music services pyramid and opportunities with external organisations.*

With a continuing call for music services to be delivered by local government it is increasingly disappointing that the Welsh Government continues to allow the creeping privatisation of services, closure of services, continuing redundancies and the disruption of the delivery and access for too many young people across Wales.

The need to establish a National Plan with secure funding in line with the rest of the UK with a suitable model for all children is now urgent if the Welsh Government is to maintain its legal obligations.

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