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Music Education Council response to Petition: P-05-880 'Wales is rapidly losing its musical reputation and heritage' submitted by Active Music Services

Dear Chair,

As Chair-Elect and now Chair of the Music Education Council, I have attended a range of music education meetings in Cardiff over the last few years and am disconcerted that I have seen very little movement on promises made and timeframes agreed.

I was aware over a year ago that a feasibility study was to take place – the original date for this has long past, I have not yet seen the report and meanwhile more young people are missing out on crucial musical experiences.

My colleagues in Wales work tirelessly to move this forward and yet so much energy seems to be taken up with arguing the case for music education when we already have much evidence nationally and internationally, for example 'Hitting the Right Note'.

Could I urge you, as Chair of the Petitions Committee, to call for an urgent debate in the Senedd to discuss the reasons for the delay and to push for a decision that will allow local authorities, music services and all affected to plan for the Spring term 2020.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fiondreigh".

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