Children and Young People Committee

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Date: Tuesday 13 October 2009

Time: 12:00 - 13:00

Venue: Committee Room 2, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

Helen Mary Jones (Chair), Llanelli Eleanor Burnham, North Wales Angela Burns, Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire Christine Chapman, Cynon Valley Irene James, Islwyn

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Tom Jackson, Clerk Annette Millett, Deputy Clerk Anne Thomas, Members' Research Service Siân Thomas, Members' Research Service

Others in Attendance

Jane Hutt, Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills David Hawker, Director, DCELLS Lynne Hamilton, Director of BIRI Group, DCELLS

Item 1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Lynne Neagle. Irene James substituted.
- 1.3 There were no declarations of interest.

Item 2: Scrutiny of the Welsh Government draft Budget 2010-11

2.1 The Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills responded to questions from the Committee.

Actions

The Minister, after clarifying with the Minister for Health and Social Services, will write to the Committee with further details on whether in the 2010-11 budgetary allocations there will be ring-fenced money for children and adolescent mental health services, separate from funding for adult mental health services.

The Minister will write to the Committee with more details on the anticipated impact on children of the reduction in the Inclusion Grant (originally established in 2002 to fund Refugee and Asylum Seeking voluntary sector organisations) in the portfolio of the Minister for Social Services and Local Government.

The Minister will provide further detail on the number of additional free childcare places in Wales which she anticipated would be enabled as a result of the increase in funding for the Flying Start Programme, despite the reduction in Cymorth funding available.

2.2 The Chair thanked the Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills, David Hawker and Lynne Hamilton for attending the Committee and for submitting written evidence in advance.

Private Session

Item 3: Discussion of key issues for Committee Report on Welsh Government draft Budget

The Committee resolved to consider this item in private, in accordance with Standing Order 10.37(vi).

Members discussed the key issues for the Committee's Report on the Welsh Government's draft Budget.

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