

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Minutes (ELL2-13-05mins)

Meeting date: Wednesday 30 November 2005

Meeting time: 9.00am -12.05pm

Meeting venue: Committee Rooms 3 & 4, National Assembly, Cardiff Bay

Assembly Members in Attendance

Assembly Member	Constituency
Peter Black (Chair)	South Wales West
Christine Chapman	Cynon Valley
Jeff Cuthbert	Caerphilly
Jane Davidson (Minister)	Pontypridd
William Graham	South Wales East
Mark Isherwood	North Wales
Irene James	Islwyn
Denise Idris Jones	Conwy
David Melding	South Wales Central (Agenda Item 3)
Janet Ryder	North Wales
Owen John Thomas	South Wales Central

Officials in Attendance

Name	Job title
Richard Davies	Group Director, Department for Training and Education (DfTE)

Alan Lansdown	Head, Pupil Support Division
Ann MacGregor	Schools Management Division 3
Kathryn Massey	Schools Management Division 3.

Others in Attendance

Name	Representing	Agenda item
Professor David Cohen	Professor of Health Economics, University of Glamorgan	3
Emily Phillips,	Speech and Language Therapist, Ynysowen School Speech and Language Unit	3
Dr Alison Stroud,	Policy Officer, the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists	3
Mark Provis,	Head of Inclusion, Carmarthen County Council and Member of the Welsh Advisory Group on Special Educational Needs (Sub-group on Statutory Assessment and Statementing)	6

Committee Service

Name	Job title
Steve George	Committee Clerk
Joel Steed	Committee Support
Joanest Jackson	Legal Adviser

Item 1: Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions, Quorum and Declarations of Interest (9.00am-9.02am)

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and Members of the public.

1.2 No apologies were received.

1.3 There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with Standing Order 4.6.

1.4 A verbatim record of the meeting is available.

Item 2: Minister's Report (9.05am - 9.59am)

Paper: ELL2 13-02(p.1)

2.1 The Minister responded to Members' questions concerning her report.

2.2 A verbatim record of this item is available.

Action: The Minister will report to the Committee in the summer term on progress in implementing ACCAC advice and recommendations arising from the "Llais y Lli" report on linguistic continuity.

Action: The Minister will provide the Committee with further details of how the funding for "Value Wales", which had been announced as part of the budget settlement, would be rolled-out and applied.

Action: The Minister would provide Members with an extract from the guidance which she had quoted in a meeting with the local authority cabinet members for education and directors of education the previous week.

Action: An agenda item on the 14-19 Learning Pathways action plan will be arranged for a future meeting of the Committee, possibly the meeting in February.

Item 3: Policy Review of Special Educational Needs (Evidence Gathering) (10.00am - 10.57am)

Paper: ELL2-13-05(p.2)

3.1 The Chair welcomed David Melding who attended in his role as Chair of the Health and Social Services Committee.

3.2 David Melding declared the following interests under Standing Order 4.6:

Chair of the governing body of Meadowbank special school and a trustee of Autism Cymru.

3.3 The Chair welcomed representatives from the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists to the table. After receiving presentations, the Chair invited Members to raise questions.

3.3 A verbatim record of this item is available.

Item 4: Draft Forward Work Programme – Spring Term 2006 (10.57 am – 10.58am)
Paper: ELL2-13-05(p.8)

4.1 The Committee agreed the draft Forward Work Programme.

4.2 A verbatim record of this item is available.

Item 5: Secondary Legislation Forward Look (10.58am-10.58am)
Paper: ELL2 13-05(p.9)

5.1 The Chair asked for Members to notify the Clerk of any secondary legislation they wished to be scrutinised.

Item 6: Policy Review of Special Educational Needs (Evidence Gathering) (11.19 - 11.59am)
Paper: None – Oral Item

6.1 The Chair welcomed Mr Mark Provis to the Table. After receiving a presentation, the Chair invited Members to raise questions.

6.2 A verbatim record of this item is available.

Item 7: Scrutiny of Secondary Legislation (11.59am - 12.05pm)
Papers: ELL2 13-05(p.3 to 7)

7.1 The Committee considered the following four items of subordinate legislation:

The Education (Determination of Admission Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2006 [ELL 26-04]

The Education (Objections to Admission Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2006 [ELL 27-04]

The Education (Variation of Admission Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2006 [ELL 28-04]

The New School (Admissions) (Wales) Regulations 2006 [ELL 30-04]

7.2 A verbatim record of this item is available.

Action: The Clerk to prepare a report of the Committee's consideration of the regulations and lay before the Assembly

The Committee noted the following papers:

Estyn Scrutiny Visit 2005

Paper: ELL2 13-05(p.10)

WLGA Paper on SEN Review

Paper: ELL2 13-05(p.11)

Minutes of Previous Meeting – 9 November (ELL2 12-05)

Papers: ELL2 12-05(mins)

The meeting closed at 12.05 pm