

Alun Davies, AM
Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language

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Dear Alun

Welsh in Education Strategic Plans

The Children, Young People and Education Committee has received correspondence from Rhieni Dros Addysg Gymraeg, in which they enclosed their national overview produced in relation to the draft Welsh in Education Strategic Plans for the period 2017–20. I understand that RhAG has written to you separately with this document, calling on you to reject the majority of the draft Plans.

In addition, CYPE Committee was recently copied in to correspondence to you from the Welsh Language Commissioner relating to the draft WESPs, in which she expressed concern that the majority of Plans were not adequate.

Both pieces of correspondence have been sent to the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee who may consider this as part of their inquiry into the Welsh Government's new Welsh Language Strategy. It is the intention for CYPE Committee to consider its next steps for WESPs following completion of the CWLC Committee inquiry.

However, I also wanted to express the Children, Young People and Education Committee's immediate concern that both RhAG and the Welsh Language Commissioner believe that the majority of the draft WESPs produced are not adequate. I would be grateful for assurance that these concerns will be taken into consideration when deciding on whether to approve the plans for 2017–20.

Yours sincerely



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