

# Children and Young People Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 1 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Wednesday, 5 October 2011**

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Meeting time: **09:16 – 11:40**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**Christine Chapman (Chair)**  
**Angela Burns**  
**Jocelyn Davies**  
**Keith Davies**  
**Julie Morgan**  
**Lynne Neagle**  
**Jenny Rathbone**  
**Aled Roberts**  
**Simon Thomas**

### Witnesses:

**Carl Sargeant, Minister for Local Government and Communities**  
**Karin Phillips, Community Safety Division**  
**Sarah Cooper, Head of Youth Justice**  
**Keith Towler, Children's Commissioner for Wales**

### Committee Staff:

**Claire Morris (Clerk)**  
**Meriel Singleton (Deputy Clerk)**

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## 1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Suzy Davies.

## 2. Ministerial Scrutiny Session : Youth Justice

2.1 The Chair welcomed the Minister and his officials to the meeting. Members questioned the witnesses.

2.2 The Minister agreed to provide further information on:

- The breakdown of placements of children within secure custody in Wales including location, and gender breakdown
- Whether the all the money in the Safeguarding Communities fund was spent during the last financial year
- The youth justice revenue budget
- Strengthening the role of the Children’s Commissioners for Welsh Children in Secure custody in England
- The numbers of custodial remands ending up in secure sentences

### **3. Children's Commissioner for Wales: Annual Report**

3.1 The Chair welcomed Keith Towler, Children’s Commissioner for Wales to the meeting. Members questioned the Commissioner.

3.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Health and Social Services about the continued lack of guidance for assessing children’s health care needs.

3.3 The Committee agreed to write to the Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services about the Welsh Government’s progress in implementing the recommendations of the previous Children and Young People Committee’s report on child budgeting; and the delay in the production of the Child Poverty Strategy Delivery Plan.

### **4. Papers to note**

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