

Chair, Children, Young People and Education Committee
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Chair, Public Accounts Committee

25 August 2016

Dear Committee Chairs,

Implications for Wales of the UK's withdrawal from the European Union

You will be aware that an additional policy and legislation committee was established to relieve pressure on other committees and to scrutinise other matters of public importance.

Business Managers re-considered the remit in light of the EU Referendum result and agreed that the Committee should prioritise its work around the effect that leaving the European Union will have on Wales.

Consequently, its name was changed to the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee ('the External Affairs Committee').

I would like to draw your attention to the interim remit for the External Affairs Committee proposed by the Business Committee:

1. To examine the implications for Wales of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union and to ensure Welsh interests are safeguarded during the withdrawal process, in any new relationship with the European Union and in



the intra-UK post-withdrawal arrangements for relevant policy, finance and legislation.

2. To coordinate activity across Assembly committees in relation to point 1 above.
3. To carry out the functions of the responsible committee under Standing Orders 21.8 to 21.11.
4. To consider any other matter, including legislation, referred to it by the Business Committee.

Further information can be found in the report by the Business Committee on revising the remit of the Committee, which is enclosed with this letter.

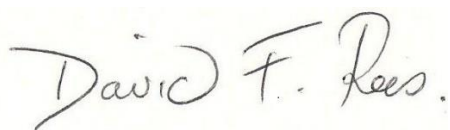
A motion to formally amend the remit of the External Affairs Committee will be tabled by the Business Committee for agreement by the Assembly on Wednesday 14 September 2016.

We will need to have a co-ordinated approach to the scrutiny of these matters across Assembly committees.

I would be grateful if you could indicate whether your committee is planning any work that relates to the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union, or any other aspect of our remit. I would also like to offer you an open invitation to attend any meeting of the External Affairs Committee that relates to matters within your committee's remit.

I look forward to building a constructive working relationship with you as this important work progresses.

Yours sincerely,



David Rees AM
Chair

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

