

**Kirsty Williams AS/MS**  
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**Minister for Education**



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Lynne Neagle AM  
Chair  
Children, Young People and Education Committee

19 November 2020

Dear Lynne

The appointment exercise to find a Chair for the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales has now concluded. As all public appointments processes were placed on hold for several months as a result of the pandemic, the exercise has been somewhat delayed.

After careful consideration, I have decided not to appoint any of the candidates who took part in the exercise and I am now considering further options. I would like to confirm, therefore, that there will be no need to hold a slot at the Committee's 10 December meeting for a discussion with a preferred candidate.

I will keep the Committee informed at the appropriate time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kirsty Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

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