

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 21 January 2021

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.34

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Lynne Neagle MS (Chair) Hefin David MS Suzy Davies MS Siân Gwenllïan MS Vikki Howells MS (In place of Dawn Bowden MS) Laura Anne Jones MS
Witnesses:	Kirsty Williams MS, Minister for Education Steve Davies, Welsh Government Huw Morris, Welsh Government Vaughan Gething MS, Minister for Health and Social Services Eluned Morgan MS, Minister for Mental Health, Wellbeing and Welsh Language Julie Morgan MS, Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services Claire Bennett, Welsh Government



	<p>Albert Heaney, Welsh Government</p> <p>Dr Heather Payne, Welsh Government</p> <p>Tracey Breheny, Welsh Government</p> <p>Steve Elliot, Welsh Government</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Llinos Madeley (Clerk)</p> <p>Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Sian Thomas (Researcher)</p> <p>Phil Boshier (Researcher)</p> <p>Sian Hughes (Researcher)</p>

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the virtual meeting of the Children, Young People and Education Committee.

1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 34.19, the Chair stated that she had determined that the public were excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health but that the meeting would be broadcast live on www.senedd.tv

1.3 The Chair stated that if for any reason she dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Suzy Davies MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

1.4 Apologies were received from Dawn Bowden MS, Vikki Howells MS substituted.

2 COVID 19: Evidence session with the Welsh Government

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Minister for Education.

3 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2021 – 2022

3.1 The Committee scrutinised the Minister for Education on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2021 – 22.

3.2 The Minister agreed to provide further information on the following:

- how the £29 million for the ‘Recruit, recover and raise standards’ programme has been spent to date and is allocated for 2021 – 2022;
- details of demographic changes expected over the next financial year in relation to the increase of £21.7 million in 6th Form and FE funding.

3.3 The Committee agreed that these requests would be followed up in its report on the Draft Budget.

4 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2021 – 2022

4.1 The Committee scrutinised the Ministers on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2021 – 22.

4.2 The Minister for Health and Social Services agreed to provide a note on the indicators used for the new formula to allocate funding to health boards and how it takes account of specific population needs and characteristics in different parts of Wales.

4.3 The Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services agreed to provide a note on the £8 million that has been drawn down by local authorities for children and social services under the local government hardship fund.

4.4 The Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services also agreed to provide the Committee with the cross-Government outcomes framework report relating to the Children and Communities grant, once available.

4.5 The Committee agreed these requests would be followed up in its report on the Draft Budget.

5 Papers to note

5.1 The papers were noted.

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting

6.1 The motion was agreed.

7 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2021 – 2022 – consideration of the evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence it heard in the previous sessions.