

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People, and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 23 September 2021

Meeting time: 09.15 – 15.30

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jayne Bryant MS (Chair) James Evans MS Siân Gwenllïan MS Laura Anne Jones MS Ken Skates MS Buffy Williams MS
Witnesses:	Jeremy Miles MS, Minister for Education and the Welsh Language Owain Lloyd, Welsh Government Huw Morris, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Phil Boshier (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the 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 Ken Skates MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

1.4 There were no apologies nor declarations of interest.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for agenda items 4 and 5

3.1 The motion was agreed.

4 Consideration of the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill

4.1 The Committee considered the Legislative Consent Memorandum. It agreed to write to the Welsh Government and Secretary of State for Education for further information.

4.2 The draft report would be considered at the meeting on 7 October.

5 Committee preparation for the scrutiny session with the Minister for Education and Welsh Language

5.1 Members prepared for the scrutiny session with the Minister for Education and Welsh Language.

6 General scrutiny session with the Minister for Education and Welsh Language

6.1 The Committee scrutinised the Minister for Education and Welsh Language.

6.2 The Minister agreed to provide the following information:

- the amount of additional funding that has been allocated for school counselling services;
- the letter from Qualifications Wales regarding the implementation of the Curriculum for Wales;
- the Welsh Government’s modelling in relation to the impact on Welsh institutions if access to higher education for English students is controlled or if English fees are cut following the UK Government’s response to the Independent Panel report to the review of post-18 education.

6.3 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister with the questions that weren’t covered during the session.

8 Consideration of the evidence from the scrutiny session with the Minister for Education and Welsh Language

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence heard in the previous session.

9 Committee training session on safeguarding, facilitated by the NSPCC

9.1 Members attended a training session on safeguarding.