Concise Minutes - Children, Young People and Education

Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 1&2 Senedd and video Conference via Zoom Meeting date: Thursday, 17 November 2022 Meeting time: 11.31 – 14.19 This meeting can be viewed on <u>Senedd TV</u> at: <u>http://senedd.tv/en/13125</u>

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jayne Bryant MS (Chair)
	James Evans MS
	Laura Anne Jones MS
	Ken Skates MS
	Buffy Williams MS
	Heledd Fychan MS
	Sioned Williams MS
Witnesses:	Rocio Cifuentes, Childrens' Commissioner for Wales
	Sara Jermin, Children's Commissioner for Wales
	Kirrin Spiby–Davidson, Children's Commissioner for Wales
	Rhun ap Iorwerth MS, Commissioner
	Gareth Davies MS
	Russell George MS



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	Jack Sargeant MS
	Joyce Watson MS, Commissioner
	Sarah Murphy MS
	Jane Dodds MS
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk)
	Helen Finlayson (Clerk)
	Claire Morris (Second Clerk)
	Tom Lewis–White (Second Clerk)
	Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)
	Michael Dauncey (Researcher)
	Rosemary Hill (Researcher)
	Dr Paul Worthington (Researcher)
	Sian Thomas (Researcher)

1 Briefing session with Mind Cymru on the 'Sort the Switch' report

1.1 Members received a briefing from young people regarding their report 'Sort the Switch'

2 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 There were no substitutions.

3 Scrutiny of Children's Commissioner for Wales Annual Report 2021 – 2022

3.1 The Committee scrutinised the Commissioner on her Annual report, Members also asked questions on services for care experienced children and budget priorities.

3.2 The Commissioner agreed to provide the following:

- Details on how widely children and young people were consulted with on the office move; and

- The Commissioner's response to a Welsh Government consultation on reform for care leavers.

3.3 Due to time constraints, it was agreed that the question not reached would be sent to the Commissioner for a written response.

4 Papers to note

- 4.1 The papers were noted.
- 5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting
- 5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Scrutiny of the Children's Commissioner for Wales – consideration of the evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard in the previous session. It agreed to follow up in writing some of the issues raised during the session.

7 Pre-appointment hearing for Chair and Deputy for Commission for Tertiary Education and Research – consideration of the approach

7.1 The Committee agreed the approach to the pre-appointment hearing.