

# Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel  
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 18 May 2023

Meeting time: 09.16 – 12.20

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## 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 Sioned Williams MS
Witnesses:	Rocio Cifuentes, Children's Commissioner for Wales Sara Jermin, Children's Commissioner for Wales Ruth Coombs, Equality and Human Rights Commission
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Michael Dauncey (Researcher) Sian Hughes (Researcher)



	Lucy Morgan (Researcher) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser)
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## **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 There were no apologies.

## **2 Do disabled children and young people have equal access to education and childcare? – evidence session 1**

- 2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Children’s Commissioner for Wales.
- 2.2 The Commissioner agreed to share with the Committee comments from Children and Young People on the impact that discrimination is having on their mental health and wellbeing and how this is affecting the education outcomes of learners.
- 2.3 The Commissioner agreed to provide when published a joint report with the Welsh Language Commissioner on Welsh-medium provision for those with additional learning needs.

## **3 Do disabled children and young people have equal access to education and childcare? – evidence session 2**

- 3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Equality and Human Rights Commission.
- 3.2 The Commission agreed to contact stakeholders to see what the provision of support to families is like in rural areas.
- 3.3 The Commission agreed to provide any evidence suggesting families are moving their children into specialist provision due to the waiting times for assessments in mainstream education.

## **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 Do disabled children and young people have equal access to education and childcare? – consideration of the evidence**

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard in the previous sessions.

6.2 Members agreed to follow up on some specific points that were raised with the Welsh Language Commissioner and the Future Generations Commissioner.

## **7 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Illegal Migration Bill – consideration of the approach**

7.1 Members agreed to joint working with the Equality and Social Justice Committee.

7.2 They agreed to write to the Minister for Social Justice and the Deputy Minister for Social Services to seek further information and to write to key stakeholders to seek their views.

## **8 Update on Committee activities**

8.1 Members provided oral updates on Committee activities that they had undertaken during the term.

8.2 The Chair updated Members on the following meetings that had taken place:

- Update on monthly ministerial meetings
- Royal College of GP's

- School of Hard Knocks
- Hope not Handcuffs
- CITB
- BBFC
- Children's Commissioner
- Equality and Human Rights Commission
- Cymdeithas
- The Brilliant Club
- Schoolwear Association

8.3 Members agreed to write to the Minister for Education and Welsh Language and all Welsh Universities on a specific point raised regarding overseas students.