

# Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

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

Meeting date: Wednesday, 5 July 2023

Meeting time: 09.17 – 12.27

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jayne Bryant MS (Chair) James Evans MS Heledd Fychan MS Laura Anne Jones MS Ken Skates MS Buffy Williams MS
Witnesses:	Vaughan Gething MS, Minister for Economy Jeremy Miles MS, Minister for Education and the Welsh Language James Owen, Welsh Government Jo Salway, Welsh Government Abigail Philips, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)



	Catherine McKeag (Official) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Michael Dauncey (Researcher) Claire Thomas (Researcher) Sarah Hatherley (Researcher) Sian Hughes (Researcher) Lucy Morgan (Researcher) Sian Thomas (Researcher) Philippa Watkins (Researcher)
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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.

1.3 The Chair welcomed Heledd Fychan MS to the Committee and thanked Sioned Williams for her invaluable contributions to the Committee over the last two years.

## **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 items 4 – 7, Item 9 of this meeting**

3.1 The motion was agreed.

## **4 Consideration of the Committee's forward work programme**

4.1 The Committee considered its forward work programme. Members agreed the following:

- to write to the relevant Minister and Deputy Ministers' for updates on the Whole School Approach to Mental health and follow-up on peer on peer sexual harassment.
- subject to the information in the forthcoming correspondence from the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing, respond seeking an update on mother and baby unit provision in Wales.
- to write to the Welsh Local Government Association on the use of vaping in children and young people.
- to scope out work on an inquiry looking at the criminalisation of children and young people

## **5 Consideration of the approach to the Committee's strategic planning session**

5.1 The Committee agreed its approach to its next strategic planning session which will take place on 14 September.

## **6 Implementation of education reforms – consideration of the outcome of the summer 2023 check-in**

6.1 The Committee discussed the latest check-in which took place in April/May.

6.2 Members agreed the draft letter to the Minister for Education and Welsh Language.

## **7 Update on Committee activities**

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

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

- Bi-monthly ministerial meetings
- CLASS Cymru event
- Diocesan Director of education, Brecon and Swansea
- Civil Engineering Contractors Association
- Deputy Minister on Healthy Food Environment Legislation
- EYST Team
- Obesity Alliance Cymru
- Chair's Forum

7.3 Members updated the Committee on recent school visits that had taken place for the inquiry into whether disabled children and young people have equal access to education.

## **8 Joint Ministerial scrutiny session on post 16 education and skills**

8.1 The Committee scrutinised the Minister for Education and Welsh Language and the Minister for Economy.

8.2 The Minister for Education and Welsh Language agreed to share with Committee statistics on the level of contact between Careers Wales and young people with additional learning needs.

8.3 The Minister for Economy agreed to provide Committee with a note on the expansion of degree apprenticeships.

## **9 Joint Ministerial scrutiny session – consideration of the evidence**

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard in the previous scrutiny session.