

Agenda – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:	For further information contact:
Hybrid – Committee room 3 Senedd and video conference via Zoom	Naomi Stocks Committee Clerk
Meeting date: 29 November 2023	0300 200 6565
Meeting time: 09.15	SeneddChildren@senedd.wales

Private pre-meeting

(09.00 – 09.15)

At its meeting on 16 November, the Committee agreed a motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to exclude the public from Items 1 and 2 of today's meeting

1 Residential Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill – consideration of the scope and approach

(09.15 – 09.30)

(Pages 1 – 8)

Attached Documents:

Private Paper 1 – Scope and Approach

2 Do disabled children and young people have equal access to education and childcare? – presentation of findings from family interviews

(09.30 – 09.45)

(Pages 9 – 47)

Attached Documents:

Family Interviews – Engagement Findings

Online Advisory Panel Meeting 1 – Notes



3 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(09.45)

4 Do disabled children and young people have equal access to education and childcare? – evidence session 13

(09.45 – 11.00)

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Jeremy Miles MS, Minister for Education and Welsh Language

Jane Hutt MS, Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip

Julie Morgan MS, Deputy Minister for Social Services

Amelia John, Interim Director, Communities & Tackling Poverty, Welsh Government

Nicola Edwards, Deputy Director, Equity in Education Division, Welsh Government

Claire Severn, Head of Early Childhood Education and Care & Childcare, Welsh Government

Rebecca Johnson, Head of Early Childhood Education and Care & Childcare, Welsh Government

Gill Huws-John, Head of the Disability Rights Taskforce, Welsh Government

Louise Brown, Head of Additional Learning Needs Branch, Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Research Brief

Paper – Welsh Government

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 6 and 9 of this meeting and item 1 of the meeting on 6 December

(11.00)

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

(11.00 – 11.05)

Break

(11.05 – 11.15)

7 Scrutiny of Children's Commissioner for Wales Annual Report 2022 – 2023

(11.15 – 12.25)

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Rocio Cifuentes, Children's Commissioner for Wales

Rachel Thomas, Head of Policy & Public Affairs

Children's Commissioner for Wales Annual Report and Accounts 2022 – 23

Attached Documents:

Research Brief

8 Papers to note

(12.25)

8.1 Information from Stakeholders

(Pages 89 – 90)

Attached Documents:

Letter from Cross-Party Group on Deaf Issues

8.2 Mental Health support in Higher Education

(Pages 91 – 97)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing

8.3 Do disabled children and young people have equal access to education and childcare?

(Pages 98 – 107)

Attached Documents:

Note from stakeholder event on 27th September [in-person]

8.4 Do disabled children and young people have equal access to education and childcare?

(Pages 108 – 115)

Attached Documents:

Note from stakeholder event on 27th September [virtual]

8.5 Do disabled children and young people have equal access to education and childcare?

(Pages 116 – 124)

Attached Documents:

Note from visit to ASD Rainbows on 9th October

8.6 Do disabled children and young people have equal access to education and childcare?

(Pages 125 – 137)

Attached Documents:

Note from the Sparkle focus group session on 15th September

8.7 Do disabled children and young people have equal access to education and childcare?

(Pages 138 – 145)

Attached Documents:

Note from the Oakhill ASD Childcare focus group session on 15th September

8.8 Do disabled children and young people have equal access to education and childcare?

(Pages 146 – 156)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee to the Minister for Economy

8.9 Do disabled children and young people have equal access to education and childcare?

(Pages 157 – 165)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee to the Deputy Minister for Climate Change

8.10 Services for care experienced children: exploring radical reform

(Pages 166 – 167)

Attached Documents:

Letter from Vale of Glamorgan Council

8.11 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25

(Pages 168 – 170)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee

8.12 Information from Stakeholders

(Pages 171 – 176)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Head of Wales, Equality and Human Rights Commission

8.13 Information from Stakeholders

(Pages 177 – 189)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Welsh Language Commissioner

8.14 P-06-1341 Accessible guidance for parents and schools to help develop plans to support children with additional learning needs

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee to the Chair of the Petitions Committee

8.15 General scrutiny of the Minister for Education and Welsh Language and Minister for Economy

(Pages 191 – 197)

Attached Documents:

Joint letter from the Minister for Education and Welsh Language and the Minister for Economy

8.16 P-06-1358 Review the inadequate funding for Schools in Wales

(Pages 198 – 199)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee

9 Scrutiny of the Children's Commissioner for Wales Annual Report 2022 – 2023 – consideration of the evidence

(12.25 – 12.30)