

# Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 3 Senedd and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 29 November 2023

Meeting time: 09.03 – 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:	Jane Hutt MS, Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip Jeremy Miles MS, Minister for Education and the Welsh Language Julie Morgan MS, Deputy Minister for Social Services Rocio Cifuentes, Children's Commissioner for Wales Nicola Edwards, Welsh Government Amelia John, Welsh Government Rachel Thomas, Children's Commissioner for Wales



	<p>Rebecca Johnson, Welsh Government</p> <p>Louise Brown, Welsh Government</p> <p>Gill Huws-John, Welsh Government</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Naomi Stocks (Clerk)</p> <p>Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Catherine McKeag (Official)</p> <p>Samiwel Davies (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Sian Hughes (Researcher)</p> <p>Lucy Morgan (Researcher)</p> <p>Sian Thomas (Researcher)</p>

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

1.1 The Committee agreed the scope and approach to scrutiny of the Bill.

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

2.1 The Committee received a presentation of the findings from the family interviews.

## **3 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 Laura Jones sent her apologies from item 6 of the meeting.

1.3 Under Standing Order 17.24A James Evans MS declared that his Nephew was waiting for an ALN assessment.

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

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Welsh Government.

4.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Government to follow up on some of the issues raised and with the questions that were unasked.

## **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**

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 session.

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

7.1 The Committee scrutinised the Commissioner on her Annual Report.

7.2 The Commissioner agreed to provide a breakdown by local authority of the number of visits that had been undertaken during this period.

## **8 Papers to note**

8.1 The papers were noted.

8.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Education and Welsh Language with the issues raised in the letter from the Welsh Language Commissioner.

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

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

9.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Equality and Social Justice Committee to highlight the issues that the Commissioner raised regarding Child Poverty.