

# Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 3 Senedd and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 11 January 2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 13.12

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jayne Bryant MS (Chair) James Evans MS Rhun ap Iorwerth MS (In place of Heledd Fychan MS) Laura Anne Jones MS Ken Skates MS Vikki Howells MS (In place of Buffy Williams MS)
Witnesses:	Eluned Morgan MS, Minister for Health and Social Services Julie Morgan MS, Deputy Minister for Social Services Lynne Neagle MS, Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing Hywel Jones, Welsh Government Amelia John, Welsh Government Albert Heaney, Welsh Government Irfon Rees, Welsh Government



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	<p>Alex Slade, Welsh Government</p> <p>Chris Parry, National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) Cymru</p> <p>Laura Doel, National Association of Headteachers NAHT Cymru</p> <p>Catherine Falcus, Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL) Cymru</p> <p>Mary van den Heuvel, National Education Union (NEU)</p> <p>Urtha Felda, The National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT)</p> <p>Ioan Rhys Jones, UCAC</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Naomi Stocks (Clerk)</p> <p>Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Sian Thomas (Researcher)</p> <p>Philippa Watkins (Researcher)</p> <p>Samiwel Davies (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Lucy Morgan (Researcher)</p>

## 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 Apologies were received from Buffy Williams MS and Heledd Fychan MS, Vikki Howells MS substituted for Buffy for items 1 to 4 and Rhun Ap Iorwerth MS substituted for Heledd for items 1 to 5.

1.3 Under Standing Order 17.24A Rhun Ap Iorwerth MS declared he was a designated Member with regard to the co-operation agreement.

## **2 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 – evidence session 1**

2.1 The Committee scrutinised the Minister and Deputy Ministers.

2.2 The Minister agreed to provide further information on how the NHS planning framework supports ring-fencing of funding for children and young people.

2.3 The Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing agreed to provide the following:

- Minutes from the Whole School Approach Delivery Board meetings.
- Further information on the modelling work that the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee is undertaking regarding mental health services when it is available.
- Further information on Public Health Wales's evaluation of the all-Wales diabetes prevention programme for children and families pilot projects.

2.4 The Deputy Minister for Social Services agreed to provide a note on the £19 million allocation to Regional Partnership Boards for children services is being used.

## **3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 4 and 8 of this meeting**

3.1 The motion was agreed.

## **4 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 – consideration of the evidence**

4.1 The Committee considered the evidence it has heard in the previous session.

## **5 Residential Outdoor (Wales) Bill – evidence session 4**

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Head Teaching Unions.

## **6 Residential Outdoor (Wales) Bill – evidence session 5**

6.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Teaching Unions.

6.2 Mary van den Heuvel declared an interest as a committee member for Wales of the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

## **7 Papers to note**

7.1 The papers were noted.

7.2 Members agreed to write to the Deputy Minister for Social Services for clarification regarding a few of areas in paper to note 17.

## **8 Residential Outdoor (Wales) Bill – consideration of the evidence**

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