

Agenda – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue: **Hybrid – Committee room 3 Senedd and video conference via Zoom**

Meeting date: 9 January 2025

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Public Meeting

09.30 – 11.00

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

09.30

2 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26 – evidence session 1

(09.30 – 11.00)

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Jeremy Miles MS, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

Dawn Bowden MS, Minister for Children and Social Care

Sarah Murphy MS, Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing

Sioned Rees, Temporary Public Health Protection Director, Welsh Government

Albert Heaney, Chief Social Care Officer for Wales, Welsh Government

Alex Slade, Director of Primary Care, Mental Health & Early Years, Welsh

Government

Hywel Jones, Director of Finance, Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Research Brief

Paper 1 – Welsh Government



3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public for items 4, 7 and 8

11.00

Private Meeting

11.00 – 11.45

4 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26 – consideration of the evidence

11.00 – 11.30

Break

11.30 – 11.45

Public Meeting

11.45 – 12.45

5 Care Inspectorate Wales: Annual Scrutiny session

11.45 – 12.45

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Gillian Baranski, Chief Inspector, Care Inspectorate Wales

Margaret Rooney, Deputy Chief Inspector, Care Inspectorate Wales

Attached Documents:

Research Brief

6 Papers to note

12.45

6.1 Children on the margins

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from the Chief Executive of NYAS Cymru

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

(Pages 80 – 113)

Attached Documents:

Information from Sparkle

6.3 Information from Stakeholders

(Pages 114 – 134)

Attached Documents:

Briefing note on schools exclusions

6.4 Scrutiny of the Children's Commissioner for Wales

[Welsh Government response to the Children's Commissioner Annual Report 2023 – 24](#)

6.5 Information from Stakeholders

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Attached Documents:

Joint briefing note from the Royal College of Music, City St George's – University of London, University of South Wales, Anglia Ruskin University and Happity

6.6 Implementation of education reforms

(Pages 138 – 139)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Education from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

6.7 Routes into post-16 education and training

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

6.8 Routes into post-16 education and training

(Pages 142 – 144)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Minister for Further and Higher Education from the Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee

6.9 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26

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Attached Documents:

Consultation response from NYAS Cymru

6.10 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

6.11 Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from the Chair of Cymdeithas yr Iaith's Education Group

6.12 Information from Stakeholders

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Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from the Cabinet Secretary for Education

6.13 Information from Stakeholders

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Attached Documents:

Briefing note from Colleges Wales

6.14 Information from Stakeholders

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Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from NSPCC Cymru, the Maternal Mental Health Alliance and Home Start Cymru

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Private Meeting

12.45 – 13.10

7 Care Inspectorate Wales: Annual Scrutiny – consideration of the evidence

12.45 – 13.00

8 Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill – Order of Consideration – agreement ahead of Stage 2 proceedings

13.00 – 13.10

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Attached Documents:

Order of Consideration paper