

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

[INSERT LOCATION]

Meeting date: Thursday, 16 January
2025

Meeting time: 09.32 – 11.51

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Buffy Williams MS (Chair) Cefin Campbell MS Vaughan Gething MS Joel James MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	Jenny Rathbone MS Lynne Neagle MS, Cabinet Secretary for Education Vikki Howells MS, Minister for Further and Higher Education Georgina Haarhoff, Welsh Government Ruth Meadows, Welsh Government Clare Bushell, Clare Bushell, Welsh Government Emyr Harries, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk)



	Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Michael Dauncey (Researcher) Lucy Morgan (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 Apologies were received from Natasha Asghar MS, there was no Substitute.

1.3 The Chair welcomed Jenny Rathbone MS who was joining the Committee under Standing Order 17.49.

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

2.1 The Committee scrutinised the Cabinet Secretary and Minister on the Draft Budget.

2.2 The Cabinet Secretary agreed to provide a note on the following:

- Estimations of what it would cost to roll out free-school-meals in secondary schools.
- The changes that are taking place following the ‘strategic review of education partners’.
- Information on the funding available to support the school improvement partnerships in the context of the establishment of a new national learning and leadership body.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The papers were noted.

3.1 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

3.2 Care Inspectorate Wales: Annual Scrutiny

3.3 Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill

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3.6 The Food (Promotion and Placement) (Wales) Regulations 2025

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and for the whole of the meeting on 22 January

4.1 The motion was agreed.

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

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