

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 29 January
2025

Meeting time: 09.19 – 12.36

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Buffy Williams MS (Chair) Natasha Asghar MS Cefin Campbell MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	Mary van den Heuvel, National Education Union (NEU) Ioan Rhys Jones, UCAC Siôn Amlyn, NASUWT Deb Austin, Individual Karen Berell, Individual
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Sian Thomas (Researcher)



	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 Joel James MS and Vaughan Gething MS, there were no substitutes.

2 Routes into post-16 education and training – evidence session 1

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from School Teaching Unions.

2.2 Mary van den Heuvel from NEU declared that she's a Member of the Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales Committee and was co-opted for a couple of years to Careers Wales.

2.3 NASUWT agreed to provide any available information on whether an equivalent to the Baker clause in England would help address the issue of access to schools in Wales.

2.3 It was agreed that the questions unasked would be sent for a written response.

3 Routes into post-16 education and training – evidence session 2

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of Parents' Voices in Wales.

4 Papers to note

4.1 The papers were noted.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Routes into post-16 education and training – consideration of the evidence

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

7 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26 – consideration of the draft report

7.1 Members considered the draft report. Subject to amendments being agreed electronically outside of Committee, the Committee agreed the draft report.