

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

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

Meeting date: Wednesday, 8 October
2025

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.24

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Buffy Williams MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS (In place of Natasha Asghar MS) Cefin Campbell MS Vaughan Gething MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk) Sian Hughes (Researcher) Thomas Morris (Researcher) Sian Thomas (Researcher)



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, Peter Fox MS substituted.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 Services for care experienced children: exploring radical reform

Members agreed to write jointly with the Equality and Social Justice Committee to the Welsh Government highlighting concerns about deprivation of liberty orders and to seek an update on implementation of the Committee's recommendations from their inquiry into services for care experienced children.

2.2 Information from Stakeholders

2.3 International agreements in relation to judicial co-operation

2.4 Information from Stakeholders

Members agreed to write back to the Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing seeking further clarity on outstanding questions.

2.5 Information from Stakeholders

2.6 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026-27

2.7 Teacher recruitment and retention

3 Routes into post-16 education and training – considerations of the draft report

3.1 Members discussed the draft report. They agreed the final report would be agreed and signed off at the meeting on 23rd October.

4 Teacher recruitment and retention – consideration of the key issues

4.1 The Committee considered the key issues. The draft report would be considered at the meeting on 27th November.

5 Implementation of education reforms – feedback from school visit

5.1 Members provided feedback on last week's school visit. They agreed to write to Qualifications Wales and the WJEC.