

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 2 Senedd and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 12 June 2025

Meeting time: 09.31 – 12.41

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Buffy Williams MS (Chair) Natasha Asghar MS Cefin Campbell MS Vaughan Gething MS Mike Hedges MS (In place of Carolyn Thomas MS)
Witnesses:	Professor Wendy Lerner, Vice Chancellor, Cardiff University Patrick Younge, Cardiff University
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Joanne McCarthy (Researcher) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Sian Thomas (Researcher) Michael Dauncey (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 Carolyn Thomas MS and Joel James MS sent their apologies, Mike Hedges MS substituted for Carolyn.

2 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector – evidence session

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from Cardiff University.

2.2 Cardiff University agreed to provide Members with the following:

- a note on the University’s governance structure.
- the financial advice note from Moody’s.
- share with the Committee the report on entrepreneurial impact.
- they agreed to seek advice as to whether they could share the costs of due diligence for the establishment of transnational education in Kazakhstan.

2.3 The Committee also agreed to seek views from the wider sector about how higher education institutions can support economic development in a more coherent manner.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The papers were noted.

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

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector – consideration of the evidence

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

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

6.1 The Committee considered the remainder of the key issues. The draft report would be considered at the future Committee meeting.

6.2 The Committee agreed to respond to the Welsh Government's consultation on its proposed changes to the Learner Travel Operational Guidance, highlighting relevant gathering during the inquiry.

7 Legislative Consent: Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

7.1 The Committee considered the supplementary LCM on the Wellbeing and Schools Bill.