

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Thursday, 17 September 2020

Meeting time: 09.15 – 12.06

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Lynne Neagle MS (Chair) Dawn Bowden MS Suzy Davies MS Siân Gwenllian MS Laura Anne Jones MS
Witnesses:	Philip Blaker, Qualifications Wales Emyr George, Qualifications Wales Meilyr Rowlands, Estyn Claire Morgan, Estyn Dave Goodger, Early Years Wales Claire Protheroe, Professional association for childcare and early years (PACEY) Sarah Coates, National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA Cymru) Eleri Griffiths, Mudiad Meithrin



Committee Staff:	Llinos Madeley (Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Michael Dauncey (Researcher) Rhiannon Lewis (Legal Adviser)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the virtual meeting of the Children, Young People and Education Committee.

1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 34.19, the Chair stated that she had determined that the public were excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health but that the meeting would be broadcast live on www.senedd.tv

1.3 The Chair stated that if for any reason she dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Dawn Bowden MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

1.4 The Chair welcomed Laura Anne Jones MS to the Committee and thanked Janet Finch-Saunders MS for her work during her time as a committee member.

1.5 Apologies were received from Hefin David MS. There was no substitute.

2 Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill – evidence session 4 with representatives from the Inspectorate and Regulator

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from Qualifications Wales and Estyn.

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for item 4

3.1 The motion was agreed.

4 Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence

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

4.2 The Committee agreed to write to Qualifications Wales and Estyn to follow-up on some of the issues raised during the session.

5 Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill – evidence session 5 with representatives from the early years sector

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from Early Years Wales, Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years Cymru (PACEY Cymru), National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA Cymru) and Mudiad Meithrin.

6 Papers to note

6.1 The papers were noted.

6.2 The Committee agreed to schedule time in the forward work programme to consider the report regarding Remote Teaching and Covid-19 Approaches to School Education.

- 6.1 Additional information from NUS Cymru following the Committee meeting on 23 June
- 6.2 Additional information from UNISON following the Committee meeting on 23 June
- 6.3 Letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee to the Minister for Education regarding the Bill's provisions as they relate to Religion, Values and Ethics ("RVE") and Relationships and Sexuality Education ("RSE")
- 6.4 Letter from the Minister for Education to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee regarding the Bill's provisions as they relate to Religion, Values and Ethics ("RVE") and Relationships and Sexuality Education ("RSE")
- 6.5 Letter from the Finance Committee to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee regarding the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2021–22
- 6.6 Letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee to the Minister for Education regarding the Debate of Estyn's 2018–19 Annual Report
- 6.7 Letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee to Healthcare Inspectorate Wales regarding Covid-19: CAMHS in-patient units
- 6.8 Letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee to the Minister for Education regarding financial implications for the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill
- 6.9 Letter from the Minister for Education to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee regarding financial implications for the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill
- 6.10 Letter from the Petitions Committee to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee regarding Petition P-05-972 to provide a minimum of 4 hours a day of live teaching during COVID closures for all school children

- 6.11 Letter from the Minister for Education to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee updating the Committee on action points following the Committee meeting on 7 July**
- 6.12 Letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee to the Minister for Education following the meeting on 7 July regarding the impact of Covid-19 on children and young people, including students in further and higher education**
- 6.13 Letter from Minister for Education to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee following the Committee meeting on 7 July regarding the impact of Covid-19 on children and young people, including students in further and higher education**
- 6.14 Letter from the Welsh Government to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee following the meeting on 9 June regarding the provision of services to support the physical and mental health of children and young people given the impacts of COVID-19**
- 6.15 Letter from the Children's Commissioner for Wales to the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding Welsh medium mental health provision for children and young people**
- 6.16 Note from Welsh Government officials regarding the functions of the Governing Body in respect of the curriculum as conferred by the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill**
- 6.17 Letter from Children's Commissioner for Wales to the Minister for Education regarding summer examinations**

- 6.18 Letter from the Minister for Education to Suzy Davies MS regarding the role of the RSE Working Group
- 6.19 Letter from the Maternal Mental Health Alliance to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee regarding the follow up work that the Committee has been undertaking on its inquiry into perinatal mental health in Wales
- 6.20 Letter from Universities Wales to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee regarding the Committee's work on COVID 19
- 6.21 Report commissioned by the Children, Young People and Education Committee under Senedd Research's COVID-19 Expert Register regarding Remote Teaching and Covid-19 Approaches to School Education, Sofya Lyakhova, Swansea University
- 6.22 Letter from the Minister for Education to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee regarding reforms to transform the existing Special Educational Needs (SEN) system into the new Additional Learning Needs (ALN) system
- 6.23 Letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee to the Minister for Education following the meeting on 18 August regarding the awarding of 2020 examination results
- 6.24 Letter from the Minister for Education to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee following the meeting on 18 August regarding the awarding of 2020 examination results
- 7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

7.1 The motion was agreed.

8 Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill: Consideration of the evidence

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence it heard in the previous session.