

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue: Video Conference via Zoom
Meeting date: Thursday, 12 November 2020
Meeting time: 09.15 – 12.46

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Lynne Neagle MS (Chair) Jack Sargeant MS (In place of Dawn Bowden MS) Hefin David MS Suzy Davies MS Siân Gwenllïan MS Laura Anne Jones MS
Witnesses:	David Jones, Qualification Wales Philip Blaker, Qualifications Wales Jo Richards, Qualifications Wales Ian Morgan, WJEC Elaine Carlile, WJEC Louise Casella, Chair of the Independent Review Guy Lacey, ColegauCymru Kay Martin, ColegauCymru



	Meinir Ebbsworth, Association of Directors of Education Mike Tate, Association of Directors of Education Cllr Ian Roberts, Welsh Local Government Association Arwyn Thomas, GwE
Committee Staff:	Llinos Madeley (Clerk) Tanwen Summers (Second Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Michael Dauncey (Researcher) Sian Hughes (Researcher)

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 Suzy Davies MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

1.4 Apologies were received from Dawn Bowden MS, Jack Sargeant MS substituted.

2 Evidence session on the impact of Covid-19 on remote teaching and learning, and exams and assessments with Qualifications Wales and WJEC

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from Qualifications Wales and the WJEC.

3 Evidence session on the impact of COVID-19 on remote teaching and learning, and exams & assessments with Louise Casella

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from Louise Casella.

4 Evidence session on the impact of COVID-19 on remote teaching and learning, and exams & assessments with representatives from the education sector

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from the WLGA, ADEW, ColegauCymru and the Regional Education Consortia.

5 Papers to note

5.1 The papers were noted.

- 5.1 Additional information for the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill from the NASUWT following the meeting on 24 September
- 5.2 Additional information for the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill from the Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL) Cymru following the meeting on 24 September
- 5.3 Additional information for the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill from the National Education Union (NEU) Cymru following the meeting on 24 September
- 5.4 Additional information for the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill from the National Association of Head teachers (NAHT) Cymru following the meeting on 24 September
- 5.5 Additional information for the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill from Undeb Cenedlaethol Athrawon Cymru (UCAC) following the meeting on 24 September
- 5.6 Additional information for the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill from the Welsh Language Commissioner following the meeting on 8 October
- 5.7 Additional information for the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill from the Children's Commissioner for Wales following the meeting on 8 October
- 5.8 Additional information for the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill from Brooke, NSPCC, Professor Renold, Welsh Women's Aid and Stonewall Cymru following the meeting on 8 October
- 5.9 Additional information for the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill from the Catholic Education Service following the meeting on 15 October
- 5.10 Additional information for the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill from the Church in Wales following the meeting on 15 October

5.11 Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from the Minister for Education – additional information for the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill following the meeting on 21 October

5.12 Letter from the Minister for Education to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee relating to the fire break and its impact on children and young people

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

6.1 The motion was agreed.

7 Impact of COVID 19 on remote teaching and learning, and exams & assessments – consideration of the evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence it heard in the previous sessions.

7.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Education about the impact of Covid-19 on remote teaching and learning.

7.3 The Committee also agreed to write to both the Minister for Education and the Minister for Mental Health, Wellbeing and Welsh Language about support for the mental health and well-being of learners.