

# Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 11 March 2021

Meeting time: 09.15 – 11.42

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Lynne Neagle MS (Chair) Dawn Bowden MS Hefin David MS Paul Davies MS (In place of Suzy Davies MS) Siân Gwenllïan MS Laura Anne Jones MS
Witnesses:	Kieron Rees, Universities Wales Dr Ben Calvert, Universities Wales Amanda Wilkinson, Universities Wales Dr David Blaney, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales Bethan Owen, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales Philip Blaker, Qualifications Wales Denver Davies, Qualifications Wales Yana Williams, Coleg Cambria



	Barry Walters, Pembrokeshire College Karen Phillips, Coleg y Cymoedd
Committee Staff:	Llinos Madeley (Clerk) Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk) Phil Boshier (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](http://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 Apologies were received from Suzy Davies MS, Paul Davies attended as a substitute. Apologies were also received from David Jones, Chair of Qualifications Wales.

## **2 COVID-19: higher education**

2.1 The Committee heard evidence relating to the impact of COVID-19 on higher education and students in the higher education sector.

## **3 COVID-19: further education**

3.1 The Committee heard evidence relating to the impact of COVID-19 on further education and students in the further education sector.

## **4 Papers to note**

### **4.1 Letter from the Director General for Regulation at the Office for Statistical Regulation regarding the publication of a review into the approach for developing statistical models for awarding grades in 2020**

4.1a The paper was noted.

### **4.2 Letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee regarding the British–Irish Council (BIC) Digital Inclusion Work Sector Ministerial Meeting**

4.2a The paper was noted.

### **4.3 Summary of the roundtable discussion with the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the progress of children's rights in Wales**

4.3a The paper was noted.

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

5.1 The motion was agreed.

## **6 Covid–19: Consideration of evidence**

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence it heard under items 2 and 3.