

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

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

Meeting date: Thursday, 19 September
2024

Meeting time: 09.28 – 13.22

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Buffy Williams MS (Chair) Cefin Campbell MS Gareth Davies MS Tom Giffard MS Julie Morgan MS (In place of Jack Sargeant MS) Lesley Griffiths MS (In place of Hefin David MS) Lee Waters MS Heledd Fychan MS
Witnesses:	Dawn Bowden MS, Minister for Children and Social Care Jane Hutt MS, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language Alistair Davey, Welsh Government



	<p>Taryn Stephens, Welsh Government</p> <p>Iwan Roberts, Welsh Government</p> <p>Bethan Webb, Welsh Government</p> <p>Michael Connolly, Welsh Government</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Naomi Stocks (Clerk)</p> <p>Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Manon Huws (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Sian Thomas (Researcher)</p> <p>Michael Dauncey (Researcher)</p> <p>Osian Bowyer (Researcher)</p>

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 Hefin David MS and Jack Sargeant MS, Julie Morgan substituted for Jack and Lesley Griffiths MS substituted for Hefin.

1.3 Under Standing Order 17.24A Cefin Cambell MS declared an interest as he was part of the development of Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill.

2 Children and Young People on the margins – evidence session

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Welsh Government.

2.2 The Cabinet Secretary agreed to provide further information on whether there are any regional variations in relation to criminal exploitation referrals.

2.3 The Minister agreed to provide further information on the following:

- 2024 figures on the number of social workers registered with Social Care Wales;
- 2024 figures on the numbers going through social work training;
- how often do safeguarding boards meet;
- outcomes of discussions with the UK safeguarding Minister on 23 October 2024 about the recommendations of the Jay Review.

3 Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill – evidence session 1

3.1 1.2 The Chair welcomed Heledd Fychan MS and Lee Waters MS from the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee who joined the meeting under Standing Order 17.49 for the Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill.

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from Mark Drakeford MS, the Member in Charge.

The Cabinet Secretary agreed to provide a note on the following:

- The requirements for consultation within the Bill, and in particular, in relation to consultation and engagement with communities;
- Specific consideration of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in the development of the Bill and how its Articles have been directly taken into account within the Child Rights Impact Assessment.

4 Papers to note

4.1 The papers were noted.

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

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Consideration of the evidence heard in the previous evidence sessions

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard in the previous evidence sessions.

7 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26 – consideration of the scope and approach

7.1 Due to time constraints this item was postponed until the next meeting.