

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

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

Meeting date: Thursday, 3 July 2025

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.44

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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 Joel James MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	Dr Paul Bevan, Candidate for the Chair of the Qualifications Wales Strategic Board
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Michael Dauncey (Researcher) Sian Thomas (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.

2 Pre appointment hearing for the Chair of the Qualifications Wales Strategic Board

2.1 The Committee scrutinised the Welsh Government's preferred candidate.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The papers were noted.

3.1 Information from Stakeholders

3.2 P-06-1499 Stop the use of term 'Universal Provision' as a reason to deny ALN

3.3 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector

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 Pre appointment hearing for the Chair of the Qualifications Wales Strategic Board – consideration of the evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard in the session with the preferred candidate.

5.2 Due to reporting timescales Members agreed to consider and agree the report on the pre-appointment hearing electronically. The report would be laid on 10 July 2025.

6 Routes into post-16 education and training – consideration of the draft report

6.1 Members discussed the draft report, an amended version together with the rest of the report would be considered at the first meeting back after the summer recess.

7 Forward work programme – consideration of the approach

7.1 The Committee considered the forward work programme. It agreed to do follow up work on two previous Committee inquiries, Pupil Absence and Peer on peer sexual harassment among learners.

7.2 It agreed to do some work on Learner Travel, in particular the impact of the £1 bus fare cap.

7.3 It also agreed to invite the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care and their Ministers and the Cabinet Secretary for Education and their Minister for final scrutiny sessions in Spring 2026.