

# Agenda – Children, Young People and Education Committee

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Meeting Venue:

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

Meeting date: 16 July 2025

Meeting time: 09.00

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## Hybrid

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### Public meeting

09.00

- 1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

09.00

- 2 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 3 and 8 at today's meeting and for item 1 at the meeting on 17 September

09.00

### Private meeting

09.00 – 09.15

- 3 Pre appointment hearing for the Chair of the Qualifications Wales Strategic Board

09.00 – 09.15



## **Public meeting**

09.15 – 12.20

### **4 Teacher recruitment and retention – evidence session 7**

09.15 – 10.15

(Pages 1 – 29)

Christopher Williams, Course leader, Primary ITE, University of South Wales  
[via zoom]

Dave Stacey, Director of Initial Teacher Education, University of Wales Trinity  
Saint David and representing the Athrofa's ITE partnership

Dr Sarah Stewart, Director of the PGCE programme in Wales, The Open  
University in Wales

Dr Angella Cooze, PGCE English Senior Lecturer & PGCE Secondary  
Programme Director, Swansea University Schools' Partnership

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Athrofa Professional Learning Partnership, University of Wales Trinity St David  
The Open University in Wales

## **Break**

10.15 – 10.25

### **5 Teacher recruitment and retention – evidence session 8**

10.25 – 11.20

(Pages 30 – 42)

Rebecca Williams, Senior Language Skills and Workforce Planning Manager,  
Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol

Dona Lewis, Chief Executive, National Centre for Learning Welsh [via zoom]

Attached Documents:

Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol (Translation)

The National Centre for Learning Welsh (Translation)

## **6 Teacher recruitment and retention – evidence session 9**

11.25 – 12.20

(Pages 43 – 55)

Councillor Deborah Davies, Welsh Local Government Association Deputy Spokesperson for Education and Deputy Leader of Newport City Council and the Cabinet Member for Education and Early Years [Via Zoom]

Dr Lowri Brown, Vice Chair of Association of Directors of Education in Wales and Chief Education Officer, Conwy Council [Via Zoom]

Attached Documents:

Welsh Local Government Association and Association of Directors of Education in Wales

## **7 Papers to note**

12.20

### **7.1 Teacher recruitment and retention**

(Pages 56 – 57)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chief Executive of the Education Workforce Council from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

### **7.2 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector**

(Pages 58 – 59)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Convener of the Education, Children and Young People Committee from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

### **7.3 Information from Stakeholders**

(Pages 60 – 65)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from the Wales Coordinator for The Maternal Mental Health Alliance

### **7.4 Information from Stakeholders**

(Pages 66 – 67)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from the Parent Infant Network Cymru and the Parent–Infant Foundation

### **7.5 Information from Stakeholders**

(Pages 68 – 69)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee and the Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee

### **7.6 Reviewing Committee Effectiveness in the Sixth Senedd**

(Page 70)

Attached Documents:

Letter to all Committee Chairs from the Llywydd

### **7.7 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector**

(Pages 71 – 72)

Attached Documents:

Letter to Cardiff University from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

## **7.8 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector**

(Pages 73 – 74)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Director of the Higher Education Policy Institute from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

## **7.9 Information from Stakeholders**

(Pages 75 – 77)

Attached Documents:

Briefing note from the Women's Equality Network (WEN) Wales

## **Private meeting**

12.20 – 12.30

## **8 Teacher recruitment and retention – consideration of the evidence**

12.20 – 12.30