

Agenda – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 2 Senedd
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 17 September 2025

Meeting time: 09.00

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Hybrid

Private meeting

09.00 – 09.30

1 Teacher recruitment and retention – presentation of engagement findings

09.00 – 09.30

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Attached Documents:

Engagement Findings

Public meeting

09.30 – 11.00

2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

09.30

3 Teacher recruitment and retention – evidence session 10

09.30 – 11.00

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Lynne Neagle MS, Cabinet Secretary for Education

Christopher Warner, Deputy Director, School Practitioner Division, Welsh Government

Awen Penri, Strategic Education Workforce Plan Lead, Welsh Government



Attached Documents:

Research brief

Teaching in Finland

Paper – Welsh Government

4 Papers to note

11.00

4.1 P-06-1317 Recognise Teaching Assistants as an important asset to schools by raising wage

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Attached Documents:

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

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

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Attached Documents:

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

4.3 Learner Travel

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Transport & North Wales from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

4.4 Learner Travel

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport & North Wales

4.5 Teacher recruitment and retention

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Attached Documents:

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

4.6 Information from Stakeholders

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Attached Documents:

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

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

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from the Cabinet Secretary for Education

4.8 Information from Stakeholders

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

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

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Attached Documents:

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

4.10 Information from Stakeholders

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

4.11 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Education and the Minister for Further and Higher Education from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

4.12 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27

(Pages 131 – 136)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Minister for Children and Social Care and the Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

4.13 Reviewing Committee Effectiveness in the Sixth

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Attached Documents:

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

4.14 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip

4.15 Teacher recruitment and retention

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Attached Documents:

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

4.16 Forward work programme

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Education from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

4.17 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from the President and Vice-Chancellor of Cardiff University

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and for the whole meeting on 25 September, 2 and 8 October

11.00

Break

11.00 – 11.10

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

11.20 – 12.20

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Attached Documents:

Covering paper

Draft Report

7 Reviewing Committee Effectiveness in the Sixth Senedd – consideration of the letter from the Llywydd

12.20 – 12.30

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Attached Documents:

Letter from Chair's Forum

8 Teacher recruitment and retention – consideration of the evidence

11.10 – 11.20