

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Tuesday, 7 July 2020

Meeting time: 12.32 – 16.40

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Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Assembly Members: | Lynne Neagle MS (Chair) Dawn Bowden MS Jayne Bryant MS (In place of Hefin David MS) Suzy Davies MS Janet Finch-Saunders MS Siân Gwenllïan MS |
| Witnesses: | Kirsty Williams MS, Minister for Education Steve Davies, Welsh Government Huw Morris, Welsh Government Angel Ezeadum, Welsh Youth Parliament Member Ali Abdi, Lead Coordinator for National BAME Youth Forum |
| Committee Staff: | Llinos Madeley (Clerk) Tanwen Summers (Second Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Michael Dauncey (Researcher) |



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| | Sian Thomas (Researcher) Lisa Salkeld (Legal Adviser) |
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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.

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 The Chair noted apologies from Hefin David MS. Jayne Bryant MS substituted.

2 COVID-19: Evidence session with the Welsh Government

2.1 Members questioned the Minister for Education about COVID-19 and its impact on children and young people.

2.2 The Minister and officials agreed to share with the Committee:

–a review of blended learning carried out by the regional education consortia and details of actions taken as a result of it; and

–a paper published jointly with Estyn and the regional education consortia giving more detail on advice to schools on blended learning.

2.3 It was agreed that questions that were unasked would be sent to the Minister for a written response.

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public for items 4 and 5

3.1 The motion was agreed.

4 COVID-19 – consideration of the evidence

4.1 The Committee considered the evidence it heard in the previous session.

5 Welsh Government technical briefing on forthcoming legislation

5.1 The Committee received a briefing on the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill from Welsh Government officials.

6 Consideration of forthcoming legislation

6.1 The Committee discussed the forthcoming legislation.

7 COVID-19: Evidence session on the impact of COVID-19 on children and young people with Race Council Cymru representatives

7.1 The Committee heard evidence from Race Council Cymru representatives on the impact of COVID-19 on children and young people from the BAME community.

8 Papers to note

8.1 The papers were noted.

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

9.1 The motion was agreed.

10 COVID-19 – consideration of the evidence

10.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard in the session with representatives from Race Council Cymru.

11 Committee correspondence – for consideration and agreement

11.1 The Committee considered and agreed a draft letter to the Minister for Education regarding home elective education.