

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 20 July 2020

Meeting time: 09.03 – 12.21

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Lynne Neagle MS (Chair) Dawn Bowden MS Hefin David MS Suzy Davies MS Siân Gwenllïan MS
Witnesses:	Cllr Ellen ap Gwynn, Deputy Spokesperson for Education and Welsh Language – Welsh Local Government Association Sharon Davies, Head of Education – Welsh Local Government Association Karen Evans, Chair – Association of Directors of Education in Wales Debbie Hartevelde, Managing Director – Education Achievement Service (EAS) for South East Wales Anna Bolt, Head of Curriculum Reform and Innovation – Education through Regional Working (ERW) Clara Seery, Managing Director – Central South Consortium



	<p>Joint Education Service (CSC)</p> <p>Natalie Gould, Senior Lead for Curriculum Reform – Central South Consortium Joint Education (CSC)</p> <p>Arwyn Thomas, Managing Director – North Wales School Effectiveness and Improvement Service (GwE)</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Llinos Madeley (Clerk)</p> <p>Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Michael Dauncey (Researcher)</p> <p>Rhiannon Lewis (Legal Adviser)</p>

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 Janet Finch–Saunders MS. There was no substitute.

2 Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill – evidence session 2 with representatives from the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) and the Association of Directors of Education in Wales (ADEW)

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Welsh Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Education in Wales.

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for item 4

3.1 The motion was agreed.

4 Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence

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

5 Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill – evidence session 3 with representatives from the Regional Education Consortia

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Regional Education Consortia.

6 Papers to note

6.1 The papers were noted.

6.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Education to note that Members were content that, in light of the delay between the publication of the 2018–19 Annual Report and a potential date in the autumn term to debate it in Plenary, it would be more appropriate to lay it before the Senedd to note. Members further noted that they would welcome an opportunity in that debate to refer to points arising in the Committee's scrutiny of Estyn's 2018–19 report, if relevant at that stage.

6.3 The Chair agreed to meet with Health Inspectorate Wales to discuss the findings of HIW's follow up work on its youth thematic report, published in March 2019.

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

7.1 The motion was agreed.

8 Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill – Consideration of the evidence

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

9 Forward Work Programme

9.1 The Committee considered a paper on the forward work programme.

9.2 Members agreed the following:

- to write to the Business Committee to request a meeting slot during the week commencing 19 October 2020, to enable Bill scrutiny to be completed;
- the suggested approach for paused work as a result of Covid-19 and;
- the work programme for the autumn term with the addition of the consideration of the Welsh Government review of school funding at the appropriate time.