

# Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue: Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 8 October 2020

Meeting time: 09.16 – 12.07

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Lynne Neagle MS (Chair) Dawn Bowden MS Jack Sargeant MS (In place of Hefin David MS) Suzy Davies MS Siân Gwenllïan MS Laura Anne Jones MS
Witnesses:	Professor Sally Holland, Children's Commissioner for Wales Jane Houston, Children's Commissioner for Wales Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner Heledd Morgan, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales Aled Roberts, Welsh Language Commissioner Kelly Harris, Brook Professor Emma Renold, Cardiff University Iestyn Wyn, Stonewall Cymru



	Dr Sarah Witcombe, Hayes, National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children – NSPCC Gwendolyn Sterk, Welsh Women's Aid
Committee Staff:	Llinos Madeley (Clerk) Tanwen Summers (Second Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Sian Thomas (Researcher) Michael Dauncey (Researcher) Lisa Salkeld (Legal Adviser) Masudah Ali (Legal Adviser)

## **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 but that the meeting would be broadcast live on [www.senedd.tv](http://www.senedd.tv)

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, Jack Sargeant MS substituted.

## **2 Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill – evidence session 8 with Statutory Commissioners**

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Children’s Commissioner for Wales, the Future Generations Commissioner and the Welsh Language Commissioner.

### **3 Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill – evidence session 9 relating to relationships and sexuality education (RSE)**

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from Brook, Professor EJ Renold, Stonewall Cymru, NSPCC Cymru and Welsh Women's Aid.

### **4 Papers to note**

4.1 The papers were noted.

- 4.1 Letter from the Children's Commissioner for Wales to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee regarding the use of statutory powers
- 4.2 Letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee to the Her Majesty's Chief Inspector following the Committee meeting on 17 September
- 4.3 Letter from Her Majesty's Chief Inspector to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee following the Committee meeting on 17 September
- 4.4 Letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee to the Chief Executive of Qualifications Wales following the Committee meeting on 17 September
- 4.5 Letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee to all Welsh University Vice Chancellors regarding arrangements to support students in light of COVID-19
- 4.6 Letter from the Minister for Education to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee regarding the report on remote teaching and Covid-19 undertaken by Professor Sofya Lyakhova
- 5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting
  - 5.1 The motion was agreed.
- 6 Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill: Consideration of the evidence
  - 6.1 The Committee considered the evidence it heard in the previous sessions.

## **7 Inquiry into Children's Rights in Wales – consideration of the response from the Welsh Government**

7.1 The Committee considered a paper on the next steps. It agreed to write to key stakeholders who provided oral evidence to gather their views on:

- the Welsh Government's response to the Committee's recommendations; and
- any significant updates relevant to the report since the Committee took evidence.