

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Thursday, 19 November 2020

Meeting time: 09.18 – 10.38

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Lynne Neagle MS (Chair) Dawn Bowden MS Hefin David MS Suzy Davies MS
Witnesses:	Becky Ricketts, National Union of Students Wales Joe Atkinson, NUS Wales Jim Dickinson, WONKHE Jamie Insole, University and College Union
Committee Staff:	Tanwen Summers (Second Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Phil Boshier (Researcher)

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.



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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

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 Apologies were received from Sian Gwenllian MS and Laura Jones MS, there were no substitutes.

2 Evidence session on the impact of Covid-19 on higher education and staff & student well-being with representatives from the Higher Education sector

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from NUS Wales, University and College Union (UCU) and WONKHE.

2.2 NUS Wales agreed to provide further information on the use of the additional funding provided to Welsh institutions by the Welsh Government and its impact.

2.3 UCU agreed to provide information on recruitment levels across Welsh institutions, and research cited in evidence about the impact the pandemic is having on HE staff across genders.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The papers were noted.

- 3.1 Additional information for the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill from Mudiad Meithrin following the meeting on 17 September**
- 3.2 Letters from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee to Welsh Government Ministers – request for information on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2021–22**
- 3.3 Letter from the Chair of Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee to the Minister for Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales – request for information on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2021–22**
- 3.10 Letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee to all NHS Wales health board Chief Executives regarding COVID–19 and children and young people’s mental health**
- 3.5 Additional information from the Children's Commissioner for Wales following the meeting of 5 November regarding COVID–19 and children and young people's mental health**
- 3.6 Letter to the Minister for Mental Health, Wellbeing and Welsh Language from the Welsh Language Commissioner regarding Welsh Language mental health services**
- 4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting**
 - 4.1 The motion was agreed.**
- 5 Impact of COVID 19 on higher education and staff & student well-being with representatives from the Higher Education sector – consideration of the evidence**
 - 5.1 The Committee considered the evidence it heard in the previous session.**

6 Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill – consideration of the draft report

6.1 This item was postponed. The Committee agreed to write to the Business Committee to request an additional meeting on Monday 30 November to give further consideration to the draft report.