

# Concise Minutes – Children, Young People, and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 14 July 2021

Meeting time: 09.15 – 10.08

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jayne Bryant MS (Chair) James Evans MS Siân Gwenllïan MS Laura Anne Jones MS Ken Skates MS Buffy Williams MS
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	Llinos Madeley (Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Tanwen Summers (Deputy Clerk) Sian Thomas (Researcher) Sarah Hatherley (Researcher) Phil Boshier (Researcher) Catherine McKeag (Official) Michael Dauncey (Researcher)



## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the first meeting of the Sixth Senedd 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 Ken Skates MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

1.4 There were no apologies.

## **2 Committee remit**

2.1 The Committee noted the remit.

## **3 Papers to note**

3.1 The papers were noted.

### **3.1 Chairs' Forum**

### **3.2 The impact of COVID-19 on children and young people**

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### **3.4 Perinatal mental health**

### **3.5 Education otherwise than at school (EOTAS)**

## **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the remainder of the meeting**

4.1 The motion was agreed.

## **5 Committee procedures and ways of working**

5.1 The Committee discussed procedures and ways of working.

5.2 Members noted the Standing Orders which govern committee business and the resources available to support the Committee in its work.

5.3 Members agreed the following:

- The organisation of business, including meeting times.
- Training opportunities on safeguarding, attachment and children's rights.
- The structure of Senedd Research briefings and individual preference of language would be submitted to the clerking team.

5.4 Members were keen to pursue virtual and hybrid Committee meeting models. They were also keen to offer it to witnesses to help with diversity of witness.

## **6 Strategic approach to Committee remit**

6.1 Members agreed to undertake activity in the autumn term to adopt a strategic approach to committee work.

6.2 The Chair offered to meet each Member informally over the summer recess, the Committee were keen to take up the offer.

6.3 One Member noted the importance of working jointly with other committees particularly with the Health and Social Care Committee on mental health.

## **7 Early Committee activity**

7.1 Members agreed the following:

- To launch a stakeholder consultation over the summer inviting views on what the committee's priorities should be, to inform its strategic plan and longer term work programming. The closing date would be after the school holidays allowing opportunity for people within school settings to contribute.
- Conduct engagement activity with children and young people in the autumn term.
- Invite relevant Ministers to the first meeting of the autumn term.

Publish a headline work programme on a rolling basis.

7.2 The clerking team agreed to circulate meeting invites to Members for the autumn term.