

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People, and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 2 December 2021

Meeting time: 09.02 – 15.28

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jayne Bryant MS (Chair) Ken Skates MS James Evans MS Siân Gwenllïan MS Buffy Williams MS Sioned Williams MS
Witnesses:	David Jones, Qualifications Wales Philip Blaker, Qualifications Wales Professor Elizabeth Treasure, Aberystwyth University Professor Maria Hinfelaar, Vice-Chancellor, Glyndŵr University, Glyndŵr University Amanda Wilkinson, Director, Universities Wales, Universities Wales Marian Wyn Jones, Chairs of Universities Wales Lynn Williams, Chairs of Universities Wales (ChUW)



	<p>Maxine Penlington, Chairs of Universities Wales</p> <p>Louise Casella, Open University in Wales</p> <p>Cerith Rhys Jones, Open University in Wales</p> <p>Guy Lacey, Coleg Gwent</p> <p>Dafydd Evans, Colleges Wales</p> <p>Dr Rachel Bowen, Colleges Wales</p> <p>Sharon Davies, Welsh Local Government Association</p> <p>Becky Ricketts, National Union of Students Wales</p> <p>Joe Atkinson, NUS Wales</p> <p>Aled Roberts, Welsh Language Commissioner</p> <p>Gwenllian Griffiths, Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol</p> <p>Dr Ioan Matthews, Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Naomi Stocks (Clerk)</p> <p>Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Phil Boshier (Researcher)</p>

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the 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

1.3 There were no apologies. The Chair noted that Sioned Williams MS would be subbing for Sian Gwenllian MS for items 5 to 11.

2 Scrutiny of Qualifications Wales Annual Report 2020 – 2021

2.1 The Committee scrutinised Qualification Wales on their annual report.

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

3.1 The motion was agreed.

4 Scrutiny of Qualifications Wales Annual Report 2020 – 2021 – consideration of the evidence

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

5 Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Bill – evidence session 3

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of Universities Wales, the Chairs of Universities Wales and the Open University.

5.2 Universities Wales agreed to provide further information on:

- how Outcome Agreements have worked in other countries;
- the ‘carve outs’ in the Bill for Welsh Ministers to provide funding and direction for Welsh medium provision;
- governance arrangements within universities and learner protection;
- the effect that the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 may have on the implementation of the Bill.

6 Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Bill – evidence session 4

6.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of ColegauCymru and the Welsh Local Government Association.

7 Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Bill – evidence session 5

7.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of NUS Cymru.

8 Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Bill – evidence session 6

8.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Welsh Language Commissioner and representatives from Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol.

8.2 The Welsh Language Commissioner declared that his wife worked in the FE sector and was currently the temporary Chair of Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol.

9 Papers to note

9.1 The papers were noted.

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

10.1 The motion was agreed.

11 Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Bill – consideration of the evidence heard in the previous session

11.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard in the previous sessions.