

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 21 October 2020

Meeting time: 09.31 – 12.21

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Lynne Neagle MS (Chair) Jack Sargeant MS (In place of Dawn Bowden MS) Hefin David MS Suzy Davies MS Siân Gwenllïan MS Laura Anne Jones MS
Witnesses:	Kirsty Williams MS, Minister for Education Georgina Haarhoff, Welsh Government Kate Johnson, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Llinos Madeley (Clerk) Tanwen Summers (Second Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Michael Dauncey (Researcher) Phil Boshier (Researcher)



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	<p>Sian Thomas (Researcher)</p> <p>Rhiannon Lewis (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Masudah Ali (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Lisa Salkeld (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Sian Hughes (Researcher)</p>
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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

1.3 The Chair stated that if for any reason she dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Suzy Davies MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

1.4 Apologies were received from Dawn Bowden MS, Jack Sargeant MS substituted.

2 Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill – evidence session 12 with Welsh Government representatives

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Minister for Education.

2.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for clarification on specific areas raised during the session and with the questions that were not reached.

2.3. The Minister agreed to provide:

a written explanation of why the Welsh Government feels it would be inappropriate to place duties on relevant persons/bodies exercising functions under the Bill to have due regard to the UNCRC and that such duties should only be on the government and Ministers;

details of the amendment(s) she intends to table, should the Bill progress to Stage 2, in respect of requirements to teach English prior to age 7, enabling Welsh immersion; an update on the estimated costs of the Bill following the resumption and completion of relevant work with stakeholders.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The papers were noted.

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

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill: consideration of the evidence

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

6 Consideration of the Committee's forward work programme

6.1 The Committee considered the forward work programme. It agreed the following:

- to hold evidence session next half term on COVID-19 related business;
- an approach for the pre-appointment hearing of the preferred candidate for the role of Chair of the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales;
- to write to the Minister for Education with a summary of the Committee's findings on its short inquiry into school improvement and raising standards, paused due to the pandemic;
- which areas it would like to focus on in each of the Annual Report sessions;
- to write to the Welsh Government to request detailed written information to inform the Committee's Draft Budget scrutiny;
- to return to consider school funding at a later date;
- to return to consider legacy work at a later date; and
- Committee staff to keep a watching eye on relevant UK Common Frameworks.