

Agenda – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 2 Senedd
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 21 May 2025

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting

09.15– 09.30

Public meeting

09.30 – 10.30

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

09.30

2 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector – briefing session

09.30 – 10.30

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Simon Pirotte, Chief Executive Officer, Medr

James Owen, Chief Operating Officer, Medr

Attached Documents:

Medr briefing

3 Papers to note

10.30

3.1 Children on the margins

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Minister for Children and Social Care from Jane Dodd MS

3.2 Legislative Consent: Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill

(Pages 14 – 15)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Llywdd and Chair of Business Committee from the Chair of the Local Government and Housing Committee

3.3 Services for care experienced children: exploring radical reform

(Pages 16 – 18)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Minister for Children and Social Care from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

3.4 Estyn Annual Report

(Pages 19 – 21)

Attached Documents:

Letter to HM Chief Inspector of Estyn from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

3.5 Estyn Annual Report

(Pages 22 – 28)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from HM Chief Inspector of Estyn

3.6 Implementation of education reforms

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the WJEC from the National Education Union (NEU)

3.7 Children on the margins

(Pages 34 – 35)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Minister for Children and Social Care from Jane Dodds MS

3.8 Legislative Consent: Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip

3.9 Intergovernmental relations and workings

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Letter to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip

3.10 P-06-1494 Welsh Government to protect funding in education from WG and Local Authority cuts

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Petitions Committee from the Cabinet Secretary for Education

3.11 P-06-1488 Establish a ‘Care Society’ to Tackle the Long COVID Crisis in Wales

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Petitions Committee to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

3.12 Services for care experienced children: exploring radical reform

(Pages 45 – 46)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from the Minister for Children and Social Care

3.13 Routes into post-16 education and training

(Pages 47 – 49)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Welsh Government from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

3.14 Routes into post-16 education and training

(Pages 50 – 51)

Attached Documents:

Letter to Careers Wales from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

3.15 Routes into post-16 education and training

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from Careers Wales

3.16 Routes into post-16 education and training

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Attached Documents:

Letter to Colegau Cymru from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

3.17 Information from Stakeholders

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from the Karin Philips, Youth Justice Board Member for Wales

3.18 General scrutiny of Ministers with responsibility for health and social care

(Pages 67 – 68)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee and the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from the Minister for Children and Social Care and the Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing

3.19 Legislative Consent: Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

(Pages 69 – 70)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from the Children's Commissioner for Wales

3.20 Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill

(Pages 71 – 72)

Attached Documents:

Letter to Qualifications Wales from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language

3.21 Legislative Consent: Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

(Pages 73 – 74)

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Letter to the Children's Commissioner for Wales from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

3.22 Legislative Consent: Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Education from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

3.23 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26

(Pages 77 – 78)

Attached Documents:

Letter to all Committee Chair's from the Chair of the Finance Committee

3.24 Social Cohesion

(Pages 79 – 80)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee from the Cabinet Secretary for Education

3.25 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27

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Letter to all Committee Chairs from the Chair of the Finance Committee

3.26 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector

(Pages 84 – 85)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee
from the Chair of the Petitions Committee

3.27 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee
from the Open University in Wales

3.28 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee
from Swansea University

3.29 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee
from the University of Wales Trinity Saint David

3.30 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector

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Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee
from the University of South Wales

3.31 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from Bangor University

3.32 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from Cardiff Metropolitan University

3.33 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from Aberystwyth University

3.34 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from the Royal College of Nursing

3.35 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Modern Languages from the Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

3.36 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

3.37 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

3.38 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector

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Attached Documents:

Evidence from the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol

3.39 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from Wrexham University

3.40 Routes into post-16 education and training

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from ColegauCymru

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

10.30

Break

10.30 – 10.45

5 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector – discussion on the briefing session

10.45 – 11.00

6 Routes into post-16 education and training – consideration of the key issues

11.00 – 12.30

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Attached Documents:

Key issues discussion paper

Findings of stakeholder event & engagement visits

Research brief – Numbers of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET)

Research brief – Regional Skills Partnerships (RSPs)

Research brief – 14 to 16 learner entitlement