

# Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 2 Senedd and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 21 May 2025

Meeting time: 09.29 – 12.28

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## Hybrid

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Buffy Williams MS (Chair) Natasha Asghar MS Cefin Campbell MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	James Owen, Medr (Commission for Tertiary Education and Research) Simon Pirotte, Medr (Commission for Tertiary Education and Research)
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Michael Dauncey (Researcher) Sian Thomas (Researcher) Thomas Morris



## **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 Vaughan Gething MS and Joel James MS sent their apologies, there were no substitutes.

## **2 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector – briefing session**

2.1 Members received a briefing from Medr.

## **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 this meeting**

4.1 The motion was agreed.

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

5.1 The Committee discussed the briefing session and issues facing the Higher Education sector.

5.2 Members agreed to invite UNISON and the University and College Union (UCU) into a future Committee meeting to give evidence.

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

6.1 The Committee considered the key issues. The key issues would be considered again at the meeting on 12 June.