

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 25 June 2025

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.27

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Buffy Williams MS (Chair) Natasha Asghar MS Cefin Campbell MS Joel James MS
Witnesses:	Lynne Hackett, UNISON Cymru Dan Beard, UNISON Cymru Wales Gareth Lloyd, University and College Union (UCU) Jamie Insole, University and College Union Deio Owen, NUS Wales
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Thomas Morris (Researcher)



	Sian Thomas (Researcher) Michael Dauncey (Researcher)
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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 Apologies were received from Carolyn Thomas MS, there was no substitute.

1.3 The Chair noted that Vaughan Gething MS would be joining the meeting at 10.30.

2 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector – evidence session

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from UNISON and UCU.

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3.1 The Committee heard evidence from NUS Cymru.

3.2 NUS Cymru agreed to share with the Committee the outcome on the piece of work they are undertaking into any impact on students' mental health by the proposals to cut support provision and a note on the details in the Welsh Government learning grant.

4 Papers to note

4.1 The papers were noted.

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

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Issues facing the Higher Education Sector – consideration of the evidence

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

6.2 It agreed the next steps to write to an Higher educational think tank with the information gathered.

7 Implementation of education reforms – scope and approach for the final check-in

7.1 The Committee agreed the scope and approach for the final check-in.

7.2 This would consist of school visits in October, a scrutiny session with the Cabinet Secretary for Education and a final report to be published in January 2026.

8 Supplementary Legislative Consent: Children’s Wellbeing and Schools Bill

8.1 The Committee considered the Supplementary LCM, the draft report would be agreed electronically and laid on the 19th September.