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Committee remit:

The Children and Young People Committee (the Committee) was established on 22 June 2011 with a remit to examine legislation and hold the Welsh Government to account by scrutinising expenditure, administration and policy matters encompassing: the education, health and wellbeing of the children and young people of Wales, including their social care.

On 22 January 2014, the Assembly agreed to alter the remit of the Committee to include Higher Education. This subject continued to be included in the remit of the Enterprise and Business Committee, with both committees looking at Higher Education from their particular perspectives. At the same time, the opportunity was taken to formally add the word 'education' into the Committee's title to better reflect the nature of its work.

Committee membership:

Committee member	Party	Constituency or Region
Ann Jones (Chair)	Welsh Labour	Vale of Clwyd
Angela Burns	Welsh Conservative	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Keith Davies	Welsh Labour	Llanelli
Suzy Davies	Welsh Conservative	South Wales West
John Griffiths	Welsh Labour	Newport East
Lynne Neagle	Welsh Labour	Torfaen
David Rees	Welsh Labour	Aberavon
Aled Roberts	Welsh Liberal Democrat	North Wales
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Plaid Cymru	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Simon Thomas	Plaid Cymru	Mid and West Wales

Previous members of the Committee:

Committee member	Party	Constituency or Region
Christine Chapman (former Chair)	Welsh Labour	Cynon Valley
Jocelyn Davies	Plaid Cymru	South Wales East
Rebecca Evans	Welsh Labour	Mid and West Wales
Bethan Jenkins	Plaid Cymru	South Wales West
Julie Morgan	Welsh Labour	Cardiff North
Jenny Rathbone	Welsh Labour	Cardiff Central

Introduction

The Children, Young People and Education Committee published its main Legacy Report on 24 March 2016. The purpose of the report is to provide a useful starting point for the Committee's successor committee, to show what we have done during the Fourth Assembly, how we have done it and the lessons we have learned.

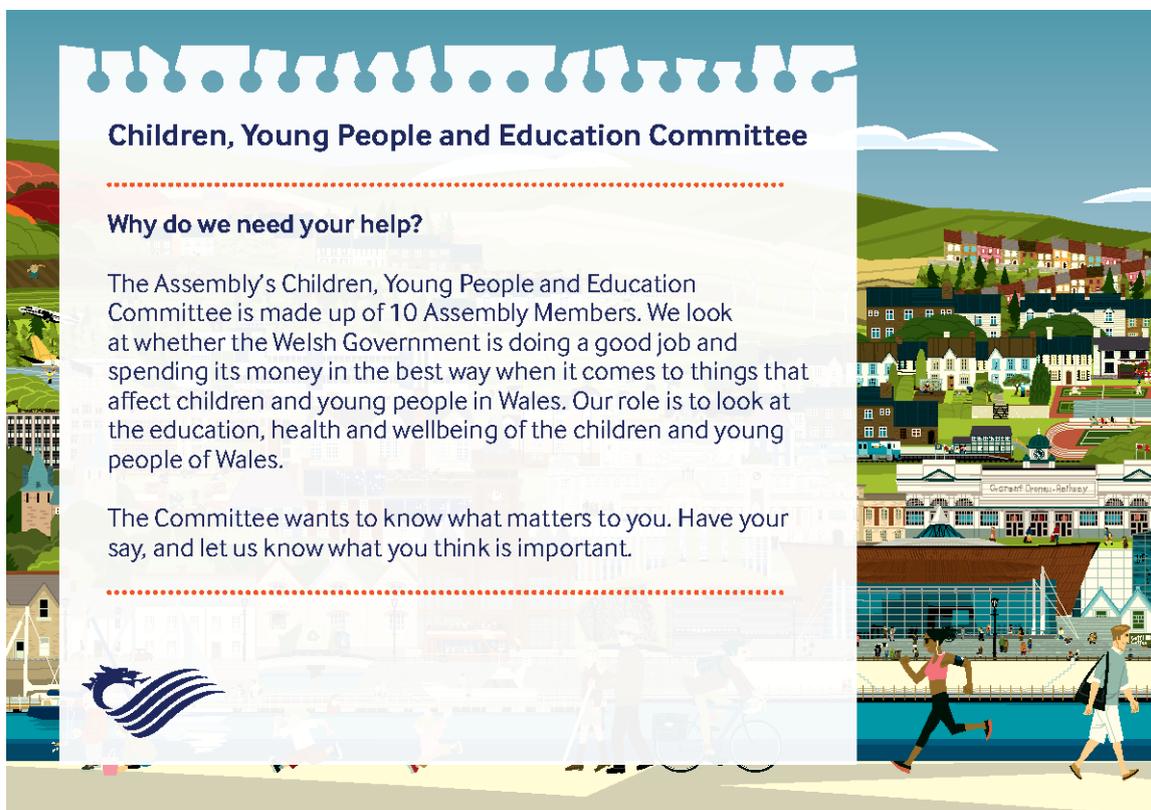
The Committee's main aim over the five years of the Fourth Assembly has been to scrutinise the policies and proposed legislation of the Welsh Government, and to monitor their implementation, to ensure that children and young people of Wales are offered high quality access to education, health and social care.

As part of its Legacy work, the Committee was keen to ensure that issues affecting children and young people continued to be one of the Assembly's key priorities in the Fifth Assembly. Following the election on 5 May, there will be many challenges our successor Committee(s) will want to tackle. In trying to help focus on any future work, the Committee wanted to know what issues mattered to children and young people.

Views of children and young people

In looking ahead to the Fifth Assembly, the Committee spoke to young people directly during the Assembly's Youth Event on 15 July 2015. The Committee also produced 'question cards' aimed specifically at children and young people asking:

- What are the most important issue(s) affecting you today?
- What would you like to change?



Children, Young People and Education Committee

Why do we need your help?

The Assembly's Children, Young People and Education Committee is made up of 10 Assembly Members. We look at whether the Welsh Government is doing a good job and spending its money in the best way when it comes to things that affect children and young people in Wales. Our role is to look at the education, health and wellbeing of the children and young people of Wales.

The Committee wants to know what matters to you. Have your say, and let us know what you think is important.

The Committee received 1,380 responses, on a range of issues and from a wide age group. The main areas of concern are highlighted below:

- Education
- Transport
- Local government
- Health
- Student Fees
- Welsh Language
- Leisure and Sport
- Community
- Politics
- Recreation
- CAMHS
- Safety
- Housing
- Employment and Skills
- Environment
- Wages
- Internet
- Farming

Online Report

Many of the views expressed in these areas were extremely relevant to the work of the Assembly in the Fifth Assembly, not only to this Committee, but across all portfolios. The Committee has therefore produced a more detailed online report highlighting the key messages.

The Committee would like to thank all those children and young people who took the time to respond.

Read the report: <https://sway.com/YAFMAzkyGTGgXd82>