



Formal Minutes of the Education Committee in Session 2024–26

The Formal Minutes of a select committee record its formal proceedings and decisions.

They include:

- the names of the members who attended (all or part of) each meeting of the Committee;
- declarations of members' interests;
- details of written and oral evidence reported to the House by the Committee;
- any other formal decisions taken by the committee (recorded as 'orders' or 'resolutions'), for example to begin an inquiry, to report evidence to the House, to make a visit or to appoint a specialist adviser; and
- visits made by the Committee.

When the Committee publishes a Report, the Formal Minutes relating to consideration of the draft Report are published with the Report itself, and are not included in this document. You can find these reports on the Committee's webpages.

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Transcripts of oral evidence taken in public by the Committee are available on the Committee's webpages.

Attendance statistics for members of the Committee are available on the Committee's webpages.

Tuesday 5 November 2024

Members present¹

Helen Hayes, in the Chair ²

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Amanda Martin

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Swards

Patrick Spencer

Dr Marie Tidball

Caroline Voaden

1. Declaration of interests

Members declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Committee methods of working

Ordered, That the Committee examine witnesses in public unless it otherwise orders.

Resolved, That witnesses who submit written evidence to the Committee are authorized to publish it on their own account in accordance with Standing Order No. 135, subject always to the discretion of the Chair or where the Committee orders otherwise.

Resolved, That the Committee shall not consider individual cases.

Resolved, That where the Committee has evidence, including sent or received correspondence, which in the Chair's judgement, merits publication by the

¹ The list of members present at each meeting of the Committee indicates those committee members who were present for all or part of the meeting.

² Elected by the House (Standing Order No. 122B); see Votes and Proceedings [11 September 2024].

Committee before it will meet again, the Chair shall have discretion to report it to the House for publication.

Ordered, That Dr Caroline Johnson take the Chair at meetings of the Committee, whenever the Chair of the Committee is absent.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Recruitment of the Chair of the Office for Students

Correspondence with Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 11 and 12 October 2024

Reinstatement of the School Support Staff Negotiating Body (SSSNB)

Correspondence with Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 11 and 12 October 2024

Child Poverty Strategy

Correspondence with Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education and Rt Hon Liz Kendall MP, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, dated 25 October and 4 November 2024

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 19 November at 9.30am.

Tuesday 19 November 2024

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Dr Caroline Johnson
Amanda Martin
Darren Paffey
Manuela Perteghella
Patrick Spencer
Dr Marie Tidball
Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Establishing a Local Government Pension Scheme guarantee for Further Education bodies in the statutory sector

Correspondence from The Rt Hon Baroness Jacqui Smith, Minister for Skills, dated 12 November 2024

National Youth Strategy

Correspondence from Rt Hon Lisa Nandy MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 12 November 2024

Publication of inspector training material

Correspondence with Sir Martyn Oliver, His Majesty's Chief Inspector, Ofsted, dated 5 and 14 November 2024

Student finance changes for academic year 2025-26

Correspondence with Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 4 and 14 November 2024

Keeping Children Safe, Helping Families Thrive

Correspondence from Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 18 November 2024

3. The Work of the Children's Commissioner for England

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the work of the Children's Commissioner for England be reported to the House for publication:

Correspondence from Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England dated 14.11.24

Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 26 November at 9.30am.

Tuesday 26 November 2024

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Dr Caroline Johnson

Amanda Martin

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Swards

Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill

Correspondence from Jim McMahon OBE MP, Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution, James Murray MP, Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury and Stephen Morgan MP, Minister for Early Education, dated 14 November 2024

Establishing a Local Government Pension Scheme guarantee for Further Education bodies in the statutory sector

Correspondence with The Rt Hon Baroness Jacqui Smith, Minister for Skills, dated 21 November 2024

National Youth Strategy

Correspondence with Rt Hon Lisa Nandy MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 21 November 2024

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 3 December at 9.30am.

Tuesday 3 December 2024

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Jess Asato
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Dr Caroline Johnson
Amanda Martin
Darren Paffey
Manuela Perteghella
Mark Swards
Patrick Spencer
Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Get Britain Working White Paper

Correspondence from Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 26 November 2024

Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill

Correspondence with Jim McMahon OBE MP, Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution, James Murray MP, Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury and Stephen Morgan MP, Minister for Early Education, dated 02 December 2024

3. Reform of Level 3 Qualifications

Ruth Perry, Senior Policy Manager, Natspec, James Kewin, Deputy Chief Executive, Sixth Form Colleges Association, Catherine Sezen, Director of Education Policy, Association of Colleges and Simon Cook, Principal of MidKent College, FE representative on ASCL Council gave oral evidence.

Alice Gardner, Chief Executive, Edge Foundation, David Robinson, Director for Post 16 and Skills, Education Policy Institute and Jenifer Burden MBE, Director of Programmes for Gatsby Education, Gatsby Charitable Foundation gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 4 December at 10.00am.

Wednesday 4 December 2024

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Dr Caroline Johnson

Amanda Martin

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Sowards

Patrick Spencer

Caroline Voaden

1. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

The Review of post-16 qualification reforms at level 3

Correspondence with Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, and Rt Hon Baroness Smith, the Minister for Skills, dated 4 December 2024

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 10 December at 09.30am.

Tuesday 10 December 2024

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Sowards

Patrick Spencer

Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Get Britain Working White Paper

Correspondence with Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 10 December 2024

Main Estimate Memorandum 2024-25

Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual)

Childrens Social Care

Professor Kish Bhatti-Sinclair (University of Chichester), Susanne Machin-Autenrieth (Robert Gordon University), Dr Stefan Brown (Royal Holloway, University of London) and Isobel Drew (University of Kent) [CSC 123]; The National Association for Independent Schools and Non-Maintained Special Schools (NASS) [CSC 124]

3. Pre-appointment Hearing: Chief Regulator of Ofqual

Sir Ian Bauckham CBE gave oral evidence.

Draft Report, The appointment of the Chief Regulator of the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the First Report of the Committee, HC 429.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 17 December at 09.30am.

Tuesday 17 December 2024

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Dr Caroline Johnson

Amanda Martin

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Swards

Patrick Spencer

Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

National Youth Strategy

Correspondence with Rt Hon Lisa Nandy MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 6 December 2024

Independent review of Oak National Academy

Correspondence from Catherine McKinnell MP, Minister for School Standards, dated 10 December 2024

The Review of post-16 qualification reforms at level 3

Correspondence with Rt Hon Baroness Smith, the Minister for Skills, dated 11 December 2024

Childrens Social Care

Carers Trust [CSC 125]; Adoption UK [CSC 126]; Emeritus Professor June Thoburn [CSC 127]; Mr Nigel D Cook [CSC 128]; Sense [CSC 129]; Professor

Sharon Dawe and Associate Professor Paul Harnett [CSC 130]; Ofsted [CSC 132]; Department for Education [CSC 141]

3. Children's Social Care

James Bury, Head of Policy, Research and Development, Coram BAAF, Dr Mark Kerr, Chief Executive, Children's Homes Association, Cllr Arooj Shah, Chair of Children and Young People Board, Local Government Association and Matthew Horne, Chief Executive Officer, Innovation Unit gave oral evidence.

Jo Harrison, Co-Chair, National Network of Parent Carer Forums CIC, Harriet Edwards, Head of Policy, Sense, Katharine Sacks-Jones, Chief Executive, Become and Maris Stratulis, National Director, British Association of Social Workers England gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 7 January at 09.30am.

Tuesday 7 January 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Jess Asato
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Amanda Martin
Darren Paffey
Manuela Perteghella
Mark Swards
Patrick Spencer

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Ofsted Annual Report 2023-2024

Correspondence from Sir Martyn Oliver, His Majesty's Chief Inspector to Chair, dated 6 December 2024

Appointment of Chief Regulator of Qualifications and Examinations

Correspondence from Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 17 December 2024

Children's Wellbeing Bill

Correspondence from Catherine McKinnell MP, Minister for School Standards, dated 27 December 2024

Children's Social Care

Correspondence from Maris Stratulis, National Director, BASW England, dated 2 January 2025

FosterSupport [CSC 131]; NSPCC [CSC 133]; UK Youth [CSC 134]; Missing People [CSC 135]; Home for Good and Safe Families [CSC 136]; NAGALRO [CSC137]; Professor Claudia Bernard, Goldsmiths, University of London [CSC 138]; The Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) [CSC 139]; The Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) [CSC 140]; Jonathan Stanley, Principal Partner at National Centre for Excellence in Residential Child Care (NCERCC) [CSC 142]; Kinship [CSC 146]; Amanda Knowles MBE [CSC 147]; Roma Support Group, supported by Law for Life [CSC 148]; Mr Gerald Maguire [CSC 149]; Jacob Finney, Department of Social Work, Law and Criminology and Centre for Crime, Justice and Security, University of Staffordshire [CSC 151]

3. The work of the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted)

Sir Martyn Oliver, His Majesty's Chief Inspector, Lee Owston, National Director for Education and Yvette Stanley, National Director for Regulation and Social Care at the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted), gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 15 January at 09.30am.

Wednesday 15 January 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Dr Caroline Johnson

Amanda Martin

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Sowards

Patrick Spencer

Dr Marie Tidball

Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Teacher recruitment, training and retention

Draft Special Report (Teacher recruitment, training and retention: Government Response to the Committee's Second report of session 2023–24), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Second Report from the Committee of Session 2023-24 was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the First Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

3. Delivering effective financial education

Draft Special Report (Delivering effective financial education: Government Response to the Committee's Third report of session 2023–24), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Third Report from the Committee of Session 2023-24 was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Second Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

4. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Independent review of Oak National academy

Correspondence with Catherine McKinnell MP, Minister for School Standards, dated 6 January 2025

Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill

Correspondence with Jim McMahon OBE MP, Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution, dated 14 January 2025

Children's Social Care

Revolution-Consulting-Limited [CSC 152]; Pause [CSC 153]; The Centre for Young Lives [CSC154]; Dr Ray Jones [CSC 155]; NYAS (National Youth Advocacy Service) [CSC 156]; Marie Tucker [CSC 157]; Professor Carlene Firmin, Durham University and Head of Contextual Safeguarding Research Programme [CSC 159]

Solving the SEND Crisis

Beeches Junior School, Birmingham [SEN 02]; Miss Kate Worrall [SEN 03]; Laura Rhodes [SEN 04]; Fit 2 Learn CIC [SEN 05]; Anonymous [SEN 06]; Cawston Grange Primary School [SEN 07]; Mrs Anne Fearman [SEN 08]; Inclusive Solutions UK Ltd [SEN 09]; Written evidence from Anonymous [SEN 11]; Mrs Lisa Coffman [SEN 12]; Sue Daniels [SEN 13]; Lisa Barclay [SEN 14]; Anonymous [SEN 15]; Anonymous [SEN 16]; Mr Eugene McFadden [SEN 17]; Anonymous [SEN 18]; Mark Wilson [SEN 20]; Mrs Taylor [SEN 21]; Mrs S White [SEN 23]; James Searjeant [SEN 24]; Ms Emma Johnson [SEN 25]; Flat Stan First Aid [SEN 26]; 9000 Lives SEND Advice & Consultancy [SEN 27]; Anonymous [SEN 30]; Anonymous [SEN 34]; Ms Tasha Allen [SEN 36]; Mrs Melanie Fernandez [SEN 37]; Ms Rhianedd Hughes [SEN 43]; Anonymous [SEN 44]; Ms Sophie Greatorrex [SEN 46]; Anonymous [SEN 47]; Dr Deborah Lawson [SEN 48]; Mrs Lisa Townsend [SEN 49]; Dr Karen Broomhead [SEN 51]; Miss Joan Northage [SEN 52]

5. The Work of The Department for Education

Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State and Susan Acland-Hood, Permanent Secretary at the Department for Education, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 21 January at 09.30am.

Tuesday 21 January 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Swards

Dr Marie Tidball

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Further Education and Skills.

Resolved, that the Committee visit Canada on 31 March 2025 in relation to its inquiry, Solving the SEND Crisis.

Resolved, That members of the Health and Social Care Committee and Members of the Housing Communities and Local Government Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 28 January 2025 relating to Solving the SEND Crisis, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

The impact of industrial action on university students

Correspondence with Susan Acland-Hood, Permanent Secretary at the Department for Education, dated 10 January 2025

The Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)

Correspondence with Susan Acland-Hood, Permanent Secretary at the Department for Education, and Chris Larmer, Chief executive, Student Loans Company, dated 10 January 2025

Children's Social Care

The Fostering Network [CSC 150]; Action for Children [CSC 160]; Children's Services Development Group [CSC 162]; The Children's Society [CSC 163]; The Association of Directors of Children's Services Ltd. (ADCS) [CSC 164]; Down's Syndrome Association [CSC 165]; Nationwide Association of Fostering Providers (NAFP) [CSC 166]; Triple P UK & Ireland [CSC 167]; A National Voice (ANV) [CSC 168]; Coram Voice [CSC 169]; Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel [CSC 170]

3. Children's Social Care

Anna Edmundson, Head of Policy and Public Affairs at National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC), Lynn Perry MBE, Chief Executive at Barnardo's and Claire Throssell MBE, Survivor of Domestic Abuse, Public Speaker, Ambassador for Women's Aid and IDAS gave oral evidence.

Annie Hudson, Chair at Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel, Rob Williams, Senior Policy Advisor at National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) and Andy Smith, President at Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS) gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 28 January at 09.15am.

Tuesday 28 January 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Mark Sowards

Caroline Voaden

Sarah Smith, Housing Communities and Local Government Committee, Jen Craft and Joe Robertson, Health and Social Care Committee also attended for item 3 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Education Committee resolution of 21 January).

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Outcomes of the Level 3 Focused Review

Correspondence with Daniel Green, Policy Director, Federation of Awarding Bodies, dated 22 January 2025

Solving the SEND Crisis

Ms Chloe Neild [SEN 53]; Anonymous [SEN 54]; Mrs Maria Allcock [SEN 55]; Mr David Robinson [SEN 59]; Mrs Paula Linford [SEN 61]; Ian Sutton [SEN 64]; Rhian Davies-De Souza [SEN 66]; Justify Foundation [SEN 68]; Dr Neil Alexander-Passe [SEN 69]; Long Marston VA Church of England Primary School [SEN 70]; Mr Sam Knight [SEN 71]; Mrs Bridie Barnes [SEN 72]; Mr Gus Diamond [SEN 73]; One Education [SEN 75]; Mrs Victoria Watson [SEN 77]; Anonymous [SEN 78]; Alice Hoyle [SEN 83]; Anonymous [SEN 84]; Emily Beardsall [SEN 90]; Susan Liverman [SEN 91]; Mrs Judy Cooper [SEN 92]; Anonymous [SEN 94]; J McGrath [SEN 96]; Marie Difolco [SEN 97]; Anonymous [SEN 101]; Mrs Frances Worrell [SEN 102]; Ms Marcia Steele [SEN 103]

3. Solving the SEND Crisis

Katie Ghose, CEO of Kids, Imogen Steele, Policy and Public Affairs Officer at Contact and Amanda Allard, Director of Council for Disabled Children gave oral evidence.

Tania Tirraoro, Co-Director of Special Needs Jungle, Jo Harrison, Director and Co-Chair of the National Network of Parent Carer Forums, Hayley Harding, Founder of Let Us Learn Too and Agnes Agyepong, CEO and founder of Global Black Maternal Health gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 4 February at 09.30am.

Tuesday 4 February 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Manuela Perteghella

Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Inspection of Caversham Primary School

Correspondence from NASUWT The teachers Union, dated 25 January 2025

School accountability reform—school profiles, improvement and intervention

Correspondence from Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 3 February 2025

The Spending Review

Correspondence with Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 4 February 2025

Children's Social Care

Foundations – What Works Centre for Children & Families [CSC 171]; ATD (All Together in Dignity) Fourth World [CSC 172]; Anonymous [CSC 175]; Centre for Justice Innovation [CSC 176]; Unite Foundation [CSC 177]; Dr Carmen Pinto, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and Dr Matt Woolgar, Consultant Clinical Psychologist [CSC 179]; AllChild [CSC 180]; No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) Network [CSC 181]

3. Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

Kate Anstey, Head of Education Policy, Child Poverty Action Group, Dr Rebecca Montacute, Head of Research and Policy, Sutton Trust and Lindsey MacDonald, Chief Executive, Magic Breakfast gave oral evidence.

John Barneby, CEO, Oasis Community Learning, Daniel Kebede, General Secretary, National Education Union (NEU), Sam Freedman, Senior Fellow, Institute for Government gave oral evidence.

Cllr Bev Craig, Leader, Manchester City Council and Vice Chair, Local Government Association, Thomas Brooke, Joint interim Chief School Adjudicator, Office of the Schools Adjudicator, Clare Canning, Head of Centre, Broadleaf Home Ed Co-operative gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 11 February at 09.30am.

Tuesday 11 February 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Sowards

Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Children's Social Care

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Refugee Council (CSC 182); Thomas Coram Research Unit and NIHR Children and Families Policy Research Unit (CSC 183); Support Not Separation & Disabled Mothers' Rights Campaign (CSC 184); Professor Sariya Cheruvallil-Contractor (CSC 185); The Innovate Project, led by the University of Sussex (CSC 186); Centre for Child and Family Justice Research at Lancaster University (CSC 187); The Challenging Behaviour Foundation (CBF) (CSC 188); Better Society Capital (BSC) (CSC 190)

Dan Turnbull, Senior Director for Markets, Competition and Markets Authority, Denise Rawls, Executive Director, National Network for the Education of Care Leavers, Sam Turner, Associate Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Kinship and Roger Gough, Children's Services Spokesperson, County Councils Network gave oral evidence.

Lamar Mohsen, Georgia Sullivan, Louise Fitt and Jake Hartley, care experienced young people, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 February at 09.15am.

Tuesday 25 February 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Swards

Patrick Spencer

Caroline Voaden

Sarah Smith, Housing Communities and Local Government Committee, Yuan Yang, Treasury Committee and Lloyd Hatton Public Accounts Committee also attended for item 4 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Education Committee resolution of 21 January).

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Estimates Memoranda

Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2024-25 from The Department for Education.

Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2024-25 from The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual).

Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2024-25 from The Teachers' Pension Scheme.

Children's Social Care

Become [CSC 191]; County Councils Network [CSC 192]; Rees Centre, Oxford University [CSC 193]; The Children's Charities Coalition [CSC 194]

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

Confederation of School Trusts [CWS 06]; Cafcass [CWS 07];

Further Education and Skills

Anonymous [FES 01]; Dr Dennis Sherwood [FES 02]; The Mixed Economy Group of Colleges (FES 04); Mrs Linda McQuade [FES 06]; Professor Alan Floyd, Professor Suzanne Graham and Professor Carol Fuller [FES 07]; National Skills Academy for Rail [FES 08]

3. Scrutiny of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

Draft Report, Scrutiny of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Second Report of the Committee, HC 732.

4. Solving the SEND Crisis

Phil Haslett, Deputy Chair at F40, Dr Luke Sibieta, Research Fellow at Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), Councillor Kate Foale, Spokesperson for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities at County Councils Network, Rob Williams, Senior Policy Advisor at National Association of Head Teachers and Claire Dorer OBE, Chief Executive at National Association of Independent Schools and Non-Maintained Special Schools gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 4 March at 09.30am.

Tuesday 04 March 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Jess Asato
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Amanda Martin
Darren Paffey
Manuela Perteghella
Mark Sowards
Patrick Spencer
Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Childrens Social Care

Anonymous [CSC 195]

Solving the Send Crisis

[SEN 02 - SEN 850]

3. Pre-appointment Hearing: Chair of the Office for Students

Professor Edward Peck CBE gave oral evidence.

Draft Report, Appointment of Professor Edward Peck CBE as the Chair of the Office for Students, proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Third Report of the Committee, HC 731.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 11 March at 09.30am.

Tuesday 11 March 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Amanda Martin

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Sowards

Patrick Spencer

Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Solving the Send Crisis

[SEN 400 - SEN 500]

Child Poverty Strategy

Correspondence with Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education and Rt Hon Liz Kendall MP, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, dated 3 March 2025

Government Policy on SEND

Correspondence with Catherine McKinnell MP, Minister of State for School Standards, dated 11 March 2025

3. Solving the SEND Crisis

Catherine McLeod MBE, CEO, Dingley's promise, Annamarie Hassall MBE, CEO, Nasen, Clare Howard, CEO, Natspec and Margaret Mulholland, SEND & Inclusion specialist, Association of School and College Leaders gave oral evidence.

Katie Nellist, Lucy Bowerman, Joanna Hall, Sarah Cobb and Madeline Thomas, Young People with experience of the SEND system gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 18 March at 09.30am.

Tuesday 18 March 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Dr Caroline Johnson

Amanda Martin

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Children's Social Care

The Centre for Corpus Linguistic Approaches to Safeguarding Studies (CLASS Centre) [CSC 189]

Further Education and Skills

National Skills Academy for Rail [FES 08]; City of Bristol College [FES 09]; Mrs Kathleen Kimber [FES 10]; Learning and Work Institute [FES 11]; Lee Marley Group [FES 12]; Brain [FES 13]; Sandra McNally and Aadya Bahl [FES 14]; Career Development Policy Group, Careers Research Advisory Centre [FES 15]; Professional Skills Academy [FES 16]; Mr Richard Goldsmith [FES 17]; South West Institute of Technology [FES 18]; Lowe [FES 19]; The English Association [FES 20]; Careers England [FES 21]; Professor Dame Athene Donald [FES 22]; West London Principals' Group (WLPG) [FES 23]; Professional Assessment Ltd [FES 24]; White Rose Education [FES 26]; Cambridgeshire PSHE Service [FES 27]; NAHT [FES 28]; Mr Kevin Scullion [FES 29]; Open Awards [FES 30]

Childrens Wellbeing and Schools Bill

Correspondence from Catherine McKinnell MP, Minister of State for School Standards, dated 6 March 2025

3. Children's Social Care

Janet Daby MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Children and Families) and Frances Oram, Director, Children's Social Care Reform Department for Education gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 March at 09.30am.

Tuesday 25 March 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Jess Asato
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Darren Paffey
Mark Swards
Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That members of the Scottish Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 8 April 2025 relating to Higher Education and Funding, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Solving the SEND Crisis

[SEN 02 - SEN 850]

Further Education and Skills

Bishop Burton College [FES0031]; Checktrade [FES0032]; UK Fashion and Textile Association Ltd [FES0033]; Thomas Pocklington Trust [TPT] [FES0034]; London South East Colleges [FES0035]; Institution of Civil Engineers [FES0036]; Written Evidence Anonymous [FES0037]; Written Evidence by NOCN Group [FES0038]; The Careers & Enterprise Company [FES0039]; Royal Town Planning Institute [FES0040]; The Geographical Association [FES0041]; Bolt Burdon Kemp LLP [FES0042]; Education and Training Foundation [FES0043]; Workers Educational Association [FES0044]; Scarborough TEC Partnership [FES0045]; Natspec [FES0047]; Colin Waugh [FES0048]; Charlotte Jones and Chloe Ramsden [FES0049]; Logistics UK [FES0050]; Chesterfield College [FES0051]; Multiverse [FES0052]; First Intuition [FES0053]; NFU [FES0054]; Prof Vanessa Beck/ Dr Levana Magnus/ Prof Tracey Warren/ Prof Daiga Kamerade/Dr Vanesa

Fuertes/ Dr Luis Torres [FES0055]; Speakers for Schools [FES0056]; Get Further [FES0057]; Jessica Freitas [FES0058]; Down's Syndrome Association [FES0059]; Education Endowment Foundation [FES0060]; Charlynn Pullen [FES0061]; Institute of Technology [FES0062]; National Star [FES0063]; Dr Rob Smith [FES0064]; British Meat Processors Association [FES0065]; Electrical Contractors' Association [FES0066]; The Open University [FES0067]; About Universities UK [FES0068]; The British Psychological Society [FES0069]; The King's Trust [FES0070]; Business Board Network [FES0072]; Anonymous [FES0073]; Milton Keynes College Group [FES0074]; Activate Learning [FES0075]

Impact of social security reforms on children

Correspondence with Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 25 March 2025

Independent Curriculum and Assessment Review's Interim Report

Correspondence from Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 18 March 2025

Music Hubs

Correspondence from, Susan Acland-Hood, Permanent Secretary, Department for Education, dated 10 March 2025

3. Further Education and Skills

Alice Gardner, Chief Executive, Edge Foundation, Darren Hankey, Principal and CEO of Hartlepool FE College, ASCL, Rob Nitsch CBE, Chief Executive, Federation of Awarding Bodies and David Robinson, Director of Post 16 and Skills, Education Policy Institute gave oral evidence.

Jo Grady, General Secretary, University and College Union, David Hughes, Chief Executive, Association of Colleges, Imran Tahir, Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies and Bill Watkin CBE, Chief Executive, Sixth Form Colleges Association gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 08 April at 09.30am.

Monday 31 March - Wednesday 02 April

Helen Hayes (Chair), Jess Asato, Sureena Brackenridge, Dr Caroline Johnson, Darren Paffey, Mark Sowards and Caroline Voaden visited Canada in connection with its inquiry into Solving the SEND Crisis, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 21 January 2025.

Tuesday 8 April 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Dr Caroline Johnson
Amanda Martin
Darren Paffey
Manuela Perteghella
Mark Swards
Dr Marie Tidball
Caroline Voaden

Kirsteen Sullivan, Scottish Affairs Committee also attended for item 3 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Education Committee resolution of 25 March).

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Further Education and Skills

Brook, EVAW (End Violence Against Women and Girls Coalition), Make it Mandatory, The Sex Education Forum [FES0076]; Professor Neil Harrison [FES0077]; University College Union (UCU) [FES0078]; National Network Institutes of Technology [FES0079]; Buckinghamshire Council [FES0080]; The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education [FES0081]; East Coast College [FES0082]; Dr Steve Lambert [FES0083]; Institute for the Future of Work [FES0084]; Horticultural Trades Association [FES0085]; Kirklees College [FES0086]; Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine [FES0087]; Future Skills Think Tank - the London School of Architecture [FES0088]; Professor Carmen Clayton [FES0089]; The St Martin's Group [FES0090]; Institution of Occupational Safety and Health [FES0091]; The Royal Statistical Society [FES0092]; The Nuffield Foundation [FES0093]; Enginuity [FES0094]; The MCS

Foundation [FES0095]; KFC UK & Ireland [FES0096]; Norfolk County Council [FES0097]; The Career Development Institute [FES0098]; Barnet and Southgate College, Birmingham Metropolitan College, Chichester Colleges Group, City of Bristol College, DN Colleges Group, Solihull College & University Centre, United Colleges Group, Waltham Forest College [FES0099]; The British Art Market Federation [FES0100]; London South Bank University [FES0101]; Holly Rooke/ Mir Abdullah Miri/ Corinne Squire [FES0103]; Etio [FES0104]; Group Training Associations England [FES0105]; The English and Maths Coalition [FES0106]; RWE [FES0107]; NCFE [FES0108]; EngineeringUK [FES0109]; City & Guilds [FES0110]; Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) [FES0111]; Unite the Union [FES0112]; The Chartered Management Institute (CMI) [FES0113]; Education Development Trust (EDT) [FES0114]; Association of Employment and Learning Providers [FES0115]; SUEZ recycling and recovery UK [FES0116]; Refugee Education UK [FES0118]; Dr Katherine Neary and Dr Konstantina Skritsovali [FES0119]; Association of Apprentices [FES0120]; Barnsley College [FES0121]; Manchester City Council [FES0122]; Mr Jonathan Gilmour [FES0123]; KPMG UK [FES0124]; Institute of Student Employers [FES0125]; Gateshead Council Learning and Skills [FES0126]; UK Screen Alliance [FES0127]; Royal Institute of British Architects [FES0128]; Homefield College [FES0129]; Thatcham Research [FES0130]; Financial Services Skills Commission [FES0131]; Skills Builder Partnership [FES0132]; Association of Colleges [FES0133]; Derby College Group (DCG) [FES0134]; Offshore Energies UK (OEUK) [FES0135]; Federation of Greater Lincolnshire Colleges [FES0136]; Edge Foundation [FES0137]; Nacro Education [FES0138]; Prisoners' Education Trust (PET) [FES0139]; Corndel [FES0140]; WorldSkills UK [FES0141]; Observatory for Mathematical Education [FES0142]; Catholic Education Service [FES0143]; The British Academy [FES0144]; West Yorkshire Consortium of Colleges (WYCC) [FES0145]; Greene King [FES0146]; British Association of Landscape Industries [FES0147]; Mathematics in Education and Industry (MEI) [FES0148]; JISC [FES0149]; Anonymous [FES0150]; MillionPlus, The Association for Modern Universities [FES0151]; The Association for Project Management (APM) [FES0152]; The Sixth Form Colleges Association [FES0153]; BPP [FES0154]; Institute of the Motor Industry [FES0155]; Gareth Davies [FES0156]; Wonder Learning Partnership [FES0157]; The Duke of Edinburgh's Award- Further Education and Skills [FES0158]; Ofsted [FES0159]; Institute of Directors [FES0160]; Drive Forward Foundation [FES0161]; Weston College [FES0162]; The Lifelong Education Institute [FES0163]; University of the Arts London (UAL) [FES0164]; Youth Employment UK [FES0165]

Childrens Social Care

Correspondence with Janet Daby MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Children and Families), dated 24 March 2025

Child Poverty Strategy

Correspondence with Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education and Rt Hon Liz Kendall MP, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, dated 1 April 2025

3. Higher Education and Funding

Professor Dame Jessica Corner, Executive Chair, Research England, UK Research and Innovation, Sir Philip Augar, Chair of the 2019 Independent Panel on Post-18 Education and Funding Review and Professor Malcolm Press CBE, Vice President (England and Northern Ireland), Universities UK gave oral evidence.

Mr Raj Jethwa, Chief Executive at Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA), Dr Hollie Chandler, Director of Policy at The Russell Group and Rachel Hewitt, Chief Executive at MillionPlus, The Association for Modern Universities gave oral evidence.

Alex Stanley, Vice-President of Higher Education at National Union of Students, Jo Grady, General Secretary at University College Union (UCU) and Andrew Bird, Chair at British Universities' International Liaison Association gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 23 April at 09.30am.

Wednesday 23 April 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Jess Asato
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Darren Paffey
Manuela Perteghella
Mark Swards
Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That members of the Public Accounts Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 29 April 2025 relating to Solving the SEND Crisis, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Childrens Social Care

Correspondence with Janet Daby MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Children and Families), dated 08 April 2025

Supporting Families Programme

Correspondence from Janet Daby MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Children and Families), dated 09 April 2025

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

Correspondence from Catherine McKinnell MP, Minister for School Standards, dated 10 April 2025

Higher Education and Funding

Correspondence from Dr Hollie Chandler, Director of Policy, Russell Group, dated 16 April 2025

3. Further Education and Skills

Phil Smith CBE, Chair, Sir David Bell, Vice Chair, Sarah Maclean CBE, Joint CEO, and Tessa Griffiths CBE, Joint CEO, Skills England gave oral evidence.

Ben Rowland, Chief Executive at Association of Employment and Learning Providers (AELP), Dr Katerina Kolyva, Chief Executive at Education and Training Foundation (ETF), Emily Rock, Chief Executive at Association of Apprentices and Jane Hadfield, Co-Chair, The St Martin's Group and National Lead, Apprenticeships at NHS England gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 29 April at 09.30am.

Tuesday 29 April 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Swards

Dr Marie Tidball

Anna Dixon, Public Accounts Committee also attended for item 3 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Education Committee resolution of 23 April).

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Use of PAVA (synthetic pepper spray) in Public Sector Young Offender Institutions (YOIS) in England

Correspondence from Sir Nic Dakin MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice dated 23 April 2025

Higher Education and Funding

Correspondence from Andrew Bird, Chair, The British Universities' International Liaison Association (BUILA), dated 23 April 2025

Music Hubs

Correspondence with, Susan Acland-Hood, Permanent Secretary, Department for Education, dated 29 April 2025

3. Solving the SEND Crisis

Lisa O'Connor, Vice President at Association of Educational Psychologists, Professor Ian Kessler, Professor of Public Policy and Management at Kings College London and

Janet Harrison, Head of Service at Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust and Member at The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists gave oral evidence.

Ms Marie Gascoigne, speech, language and communication policy expert, advisor and consultant at Better Communications CIC, Sarah Walter, Director, ICS Network at NHS Confederation and Alison Stewart, Head of SEND at South West London Integrated Care Board gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 6 May at 2.00pm.

Tuesday 6 May 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Jess Asato
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Darren Paffey
Manuela Perteghella
Mark Swards
Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee visit Norwich in relation to its inquiry, Solving the SEND Crisis and Further Education and Skills.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Further Education and Skills

Cogent Skills [FES0166]; Dr David Allan, Edge Hill University, UK [FES0167]; First Intuition [FES0170]; City of London Corporation [FES0171]; The Bell Foundation [FES0173]; Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, Nuclear Restoration Services, Nuclear Transport Solutions, Nuclear Waste Services, Sellafield Ltd [FES0174]; GuildHE [FES0175]; Professor Liz Atkins [FES0176]; National Engineering Policy Centre, Royal Academy of Engineering [FES0177]; HOLEX [FES0178]; the National Federation of Roofing Contractors [FES0179]; West Yorkshire Combined Authority [FES0180]; Simon Woodage [FES0181]; Aptem Ltd [FES0182]; Engineering Construction Industry Training Board [FES0183]; Luminate Education Group [FES0184]; Dr Rachel Terry [FES0185]; Capital City College Group [FES0186]; National Foundation for Educational Research [FES0187]; National Education Union (NEU) [FES0188]; Ms Carole Kitching [FES0189]; Maritime Skills Alliance [FES0190]; Bradford Council [FES0191]; Energy & Utility Skills Ltd [FES0192]; Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) [FES0193]; Engineering Professors' Council [FES0194]; Royal Academy of Engineering [FES0195]; WMG, University of Warwick [FES0196]; National Home

Decarbonisation Group (NHDG) [FES0197]; Voice 21[FES0199]; National Union of Students [FES0200]; anonymous [FES0201]; One Dance UK [FES0202]; National Society of Apprentices [FES0203]; National Institute of Teaching, South Farnham SCITT, The National Association of School-Based Teacher Trainers [FES0204]; Institute for the Future of Work [FES0205]; Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA)[FES0206]; Central YMCA [FES0207]; South & City College Birmingham [FES0208]; National House Building Council (NHBC)[FES0209]; Confederation of Forest Industries (Uk), Forestry Commission, Forestry Skills Forum, Herefordshire, Ludlow & North Shropshire College, Institute Of Chartered Foresters, Royal Forestry Society, University Of Cumbria [FES0210]; Gatsby Charitable Foundation [FES0211]; Professor René Koglbauer [FES0212]; Code First Girls [FES0213]; The Skills Network [FES214]; Imran Tahir [FE0S215]; New City College [FES0216]; Skills Federation [FES0217]; National Bodyshop Repair Association [FES0218]; The Institute of Physics [FES0219]; UK Institute for Technical Skills and Strategy [FES0220]; Submission [FES0221]; Institution of Engineering and Technology [FES0222]; Construction Industry Training Board [FES0223]; Bauer Academy [FES0224]; National Numeracy [FES0225]; Federation of Awarding Bodies [FES0226]; NHS Employers [FES0227]; Royal Society of Chemistry [FES0228]; Horticulture and Landscaping Trailblazer Group [FES0029]; NASS [FES0230]; SSE [FES0231]; British Chambers of Commerce [FES0232]; RHA [FES0233]; Supporting Education Group [FES0234]; the Isle of Wight College [FES0235]; Centre for Transforming Access and Student Outcomes in Higher Education (TASO) [FES0236]; Royal Horticulture Society [FES0237]; Young Minds [FES0238]; Creative Industries Policy and Evidence Centre [FES0239]; Pearson [FES0240]; Kaplan [FES0241]; Skills for Care [FES0242]; JTL [FES0243]; British Film Institute [FES0244]; Landex [FE0245]; Make UK [FES0246]; Spectra (Care Leaver Covenant) [FES0247]; AE Coleman [FE0248]; Dr Rebecca Morris and Dr Thomas Perry [FES0249]; Mitie submission [FES0250]; Carers Trust [FES0251]; QA [FES0252]; St Mary's Ukrainian School [FES0253]; Learning Curve Group [FES0255]; The Chartered Institution for Further Education [FES0256]; British Printing Industries Federation [FES0257]; Sutton Trust [FES0258]; LinkedIn [FES0259]; National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) [FES0260]; Department for Education [FES0261]; techUK [FES0262]; UK Jewellery, Silverware, Allied Crafts (JSAC) sector[FES0263]; Greater London Authority (GLA) [FES0264]; West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) [FES0265]; ScreenSkills [FES0266]

Higher Education and Funding

Correspondence from Professor Kim Graham, Provost, The University of Edinburgh, dated 25 April 2025

Correspondence with Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 6 May 2025

Child Poverty Strategy

Correspondence with Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 1 May 2025

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

Correspondence from Catherine McKinnell MP, Minister for School Standards, dated 1 May 2025

3. Curriculum and Assessment Review

Tom Middlehurst, Deputy Director of Policy, Association of School and College Leaders, Darren Northcott, National Official, NASUWT, Tim Oates CBE, Group Director of Assessment Research and Development, Cambridge University Press and Assessment and Jill Duffy, Chief Executive of UK exam board OCR (Oxford, Cambridge and RSA), Cambridge University Press and Assessment gave oral evidence.

Charlynn Pullen, Principal Research Fellow, Sheffield Hallam University, Nick Chambers, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Education and Employers Charity, Robert West, Head of Education and Skills and part of the Future of Work Directorate, Confederation of British Industry (CBI) and Alex Vetch, Director of Policy and Insights at British Chambers of Commerce gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 13 May at 9.30am.

Tuesday 13 May 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Dr Caroline Johnson

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Dr Marie Tidball

Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into, Higher Education and Funding.

Resolved, That the Committee agrees to meet concurrently with the Work and Pensions Committee for the purpose of examining the Government's Child Poverty Strategy and related matters.

2. Solving the SEND Crisis

Georgina Downard, Senior Solicitor at Independent Provider of Special Education Advice (IPSEA), Sharon Chappell, Assistant Ombudsman at Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO), Adam Sproston, Senior inspector for SEND and Alternative Provision at Ofsted and Lucy Harte, Deputy Director of Multi-agency Operations at Care Quality Commission (CQC) gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 20 May at 9.15am.

Tuesday 20 May 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Sowards

Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Screen time: Impacts on education and wellbeing

Draft Special Report (Screen time: Impacts on education and wellbeing: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2023–24), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Fourth Report from the Committee of Session 2023-24 was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Third Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

3. Scrutiny of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

Draft Special Report (Scrutiny of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Second Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Fourth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

4. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Further Education and Skills

Aldermore Bank [FES0267]

Solving the SEND Crisis

Twinkl [SEN0192]; National Network of Parent Carer Forums (NNPCF) [SEN0248]; Parent Carers Together [SEN0249]; Compass [SEN0267]; The National Acquired Brain Injury in Learning and Education Syndicate (N-ABLES) [SEN0296]; Whizz Kidz [SEN0303]; South Thames Colleges Group [SEN0485]; London Southeast Academies Trust [SEN0486]; London South East Colleges [SEN0487]; Civil Mediation Council, College of Mediators [SEN0557]; The National Deaf Children's Society [SEN0564]; The National Autistic Society [SEN0646]; Dr Marie Tidball MP [SEN0648]; SEND in The Specialists Coalition [SEN0652]; London Councils [SEN0659]; Youth Sport Trust [SEN0661]; Association of School & College Leaders [SEN0663]; Family Action [SEN0666]; School-Home Support [SEN0668]; Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists [SEN0707]; Black Equity Organisation [SEN0709]; Speech and Language UK [SEN0718]; Mr Ben Bastin [SEN0721]; Disabled Children's Partnership [SEN0722]; Claire Phillips [SEN0723]; Skills Builder Partnership [SEN0725]; Mrs Rosalind Luff and Claire Richmond [SEN0732]; Special Educational Consortium [SEN0734]; Bristol City Council [SEN0735]; NIHR Children and Families Policy Research Unit [SEN0740]; Faculty of Education, Edge Hill University [SEN0742]; Dr Elizabeth Houlton [SEN0743]; North Star Community Trust [SEN0745]; Camden Learning, Camden SENDIASS, Camden Special Parent Forum, Heath School, London Borough of Camden, North Central London ICB, Parliament Hill School, Swiss Cottage School [SEN0747]; Chartered College of Teaching [SEN0757]; Confederation of School Trusts [SEN0760]; PSHE Association [SEN0761]; Global Child and Maternal Health CIC [SEN0780]; National Governance Association [SEN0785]; Action for Children [SEN0789]; Health Conditions in Schools Alliance [SEN0792]; Rosalind Luff, Claire Richmond [SEN0793]; Ambitious about Autism [SEN0796]; British Educational Suppliers Association [SEN0798]; Dr Rachel Worthington, Dr Kalum Bodfield and Dr Rossella Sorte who are academic researchers and lecturers at Manchester Metropolitan University [SEN0801]; The Centre for Young Lives [SEN0803]; North Somerset Council [SEN0804]; Nafen [SEN0809]; Staffordshire Local Authority Educational Psychology Service [SEN0812]; London Borough of

Barking & Dagenham [SEN0813]; Centre for Studies on Inclusive Education (CSIE) [SEN0864]; International Coalition Against Restraint and Seclusion's (ICARS) [SEN0868]; Kathryn Cockburn [SEN0871]; The Association of Directors of Children's Services Ltd [SEN0884]

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 20 May at 9.30am.

Tuesday 20 May 2025

The Committee met concurrently with the Work and Pensions Committee

Members present

Helen Hayes

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Dr Caroline Johnson

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Swards

Caroline Voaden

Work and Pensions Committee members present

The following members of the Work and Pensions Committee were also present (Standing Order No. 137A): Debbie Abrahams, Johanna Baxter, Damien Egan and Amanda Hack.

Helen Hayes was called to the Chair (Standing Order No.137A (1)(d)).

1. Child Poverty Taskforce

The Committees considered this matter.

The Baroness Longfield CBE, Executive Chair and Founder of the Centre for Young Lives and Children's Commissioner from March 2015 to February 2021 at Member of the House of Lords, The Rt Hon. the Lord Blunkett, former Secretary of State for Education and Employment and former Secretary of State for Work and Pensions at Member of the House of Lords and Naomi Eisenstadt CB, Chair at NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board, former director of Sure Start and the Social Exclusion taskforce and non-executive director at Department of Health and Social Care gave oral evidence.

Resolved, That Debbie Abrahams take the Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the meeting.—(Dr Caroline Johnson)

Tom Waters, Associate Director of Income, Work and Welfare at The Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), Mike Brewer, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Economist at The Resolution Foundation, Professor David Taylor-Robinson, Chair in Health

Inequalities, Professor of Public Health and Policy at The University of Liverpool and Dr Katriona O'Sullivan, Senior Lecturer of Digital Skills in the ALL (Assisting Living & Learning) Institute, Department of Psychology at Maynooth University gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 3 June at 9.30am.

Tuesday 3 June 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Jess Asato
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Dr Caroline Johnson
Darren Paffey
Manuela Perteghella
Mark Swards
Dr Marie Tidball
Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into Higher Education and Funding:Threat of Insoveny and Iternational Students.

2. Solving the Send Crisis

Resolved, That the Committee remove the submitter's name from the written evidence previously reported as [SEN 78] on 28 January and report as Anonymous.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Solving the Send Crisis be reported to the House for publication:

Anonymous [SEN 78]; National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTI) [SEN 222]; The Catholic Education Service (CES) [SEN 562]; Special Needs Jungle Ltd [SEN 610]

3. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Music Hubs

Correspondence from, Susan Acland-Hood, Permanent Secretary, Department for Education, dated 15 May 2025

Further Education and Skills

Education Training Foundation [FES 268]

Estimates Memoranda

Main Estimate Memorandum 2024-25 from The Department for Education.

Main Estimate Memorandum 2024-25 from The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual).

Main Estimate Memorandum 2024-25 from The Teachers' Pension Scheme.

4. Further Education and Skills

Qasim Hussain, Vice President (Further Education) at National Union of Students, Denise Rawls, Executive Director at The National Network for the Education of Care Leavers (NNECL), Dr Emily Tanner, Programme Head for Post-14 Education and Skills at Nuffield Foundation and Clare Howard, CEO at Natspec gave oral evidence.

Dr Fiona Aldridge, Chief Executive Officer at The Skills Federation, David Gaughan, Head of Employer Services at West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), Jane Gratton, Deputy Director of Public Policy at British Chambers of Commerce and Dr Susan Pember CBE, Policy Advisor at HOLEX gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 10 June at 9.30am.

Tuesday 10 June 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Amanda Martin
Darren Paffey
Manuela Perteghella
Mark Sowards
Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Higher Education (Registration Fees) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

Correspondence from The Rt Hon Baroness Jacqui Smith, Minister for Skills, dated 30 May 2025

Increasing the eligibility for free school meals

Correspondence from Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 4 June 2025

3. Solving the Send Crisis

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Solving the Send Crisis be reported to the House for publication:

Schools North East [SEN 559]; Federation of Leaders in Special Education, National SEND Forum [SEN 618]; Chartered College of Teaching [SEN 757]

Dr Susana Castro-Kemp, Associate Professor in Psychology and Special Needs at the Centre for Inclusive Education in the Department of Psychology and Human Development at UCL Faculty of Education and Society (IOE), Dr Peter Gray, Co-coordinator of the National SEN Policy Research Forum at SSCYP (Strategic Services

for Children & Young People) and Jo Hutchinson, Director for SEND and additional needs at Education Policy Institute gave oral evidence.

Daniel Constable-Phelps, Executive Headteacher at St Mary's Primary and Nursery School, Conrad Bourne, Director for SEND at The Mercian Trust and Nicole Dempsey, Director of SEND and Safeguarding at Dixons Academies Trust gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 17 June at 9.30am.

Tuesday 17 June 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Amanda Martin

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Swards

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Information sharing across Committees

Correspondence from Douglas Ross MSP, Convener of The Scottish Parliament, dated 4 June 2025

The Spending Review

Correspondence from Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 11 June 2025

Further Education and Skills

Nuffield Foundation [FES 270]; British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) [FES 269]; NNECL Quality Mark [FES 271]; HOLEX [FES 272]; Skills Federation [FES 272]; Natspec [FES 274]

Solving the SEND Crisis

Anonymous [SEN 229]; Beechwood childcare [SEN 587]; EdAct [SEN 588]; Thomas Pocklington Trust [SEN 589]; Hampshire County Council [SEN 590]; The British Psychological Society [SEN 592]; Lancashire County Council [SEN 594]; Hackney SEND Parent Carer Forum [SEN 595]; Hull Parent Carer Forum [SEN 598]; Royal British Legion [SEN 600]; Challenge Partners [SEN 768]; Oxfordshire

County Council [SEN 770]; Dr Francisco Azpitarte, Dr Sobhi Berjawi and Professor Louise Holt [SEN 772]; Prof Louise Holt, Dr Fran Azpitarte and Dr Sobhi Berjawi [SEN 772]; Internet Matters [SEN 774]; Mrs Lisa Orange [SEN 775]; Silke Paulmann, Professor of Psychology, and Claire Oakley, Lecturer, Department of Psychology, University of Essex [SEN 776]; Mrs Debbie Hatfield [SEN 777]; Mrs Abigail Gray [SEN 778]; Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board, Nottinghamshire County Council [SEN 779]; Culligan, Mrs Emily Littlewood, Taylor [SEN 826]; Mr Andrew Stevens [SEN 827]; Outcomes First Group [SEN 829]; SOS Special Educational Needs [SEN 834]; Richmond Parent Carer Forum [SEN 836]; B HEARD [SEN 837]

3. Curriculum and Assessment Review

Sean Harris, Director of People, Learning and Community Engagement (PLACE) at Tees Valley Education, Dr Shabna Begum, CEO at The Runnymede Trust and Sarah Lane Cawte, Chair at Religious Education Council for England and Wales gave oral evidence.

Professor David Lundie, Professor of Education (School of Social & Environmental Sustainability) at University of Glasgow, Dr Gianfranco Polizzi, Assistant Professor in Digital Media and Communications, Department of Linguistics and Communication at University of Birmingham, Andrew Ettinger, Director of Education at The National Literacy Trust and Professor Candice Satchwell, Professor of Literacies and Education at The University of Central Lancashire gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 24 June at 9.30am.

Monday 23 June

Helen Hayes (Chair), Sureena Brackenridge, Darren Paffey and Mark Swards visited Norwich in connection with its inquiry into Solving the SEND Crisis and Further Education and Skills in accordance with the Committee's decision of 6 May 2025.

Tuesday 24 June 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Amanda Martin
Darren Paffey
Mark Swards

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Solving the Send Crisis

Correspondence from Adam Sproston, Senior His Majesty's Inspector, SEND and Alternative Provision, Ofsted and Lucy Harte, Deputy Director, Multi-agency Operations, Care Quality Commission dated 12 June 2025

Correspondence from Correspondence from Adam Sproston, Senior His Majesty's Inspector, SEND and Alternative Provision, Ofsted dated 16 June 2025

3. Further Education and Skills

The Rt Hon Baroness Smith of Malvern, Minister for Skills and Julia Kinniburgh, Director General for Skills, Department for Education gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 1 July at 9.30am.

Tuesday 01 July 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Jess Asato
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Rt Hon Sir James Cleverly
Dr Caroline Johnson
Amanda Martin
Darren Paffey
Manuela Perteghella
Mark Swards
Caroline Voaden

1. Declaration of interests

Rt Hon Sir James Cleverly declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That members of the Joint Committee on Human Rights and Members of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 8 July 2025 relating to the Curriculum and Assessment Review, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. Solving the SEND Crisis

Catherine McKinnell, Minister of State (Minister for School Standards), and Alison Ismail, Director for Special Educational Needs & Disabilities and Alternative Provision at the Department for Education gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 2 July at 2.00pm.

Wednesday 02 July 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Rt Hon Sir James Cleverly

Dr Caroline Johnson

Amanda Martin

Darren Paffey

Mark Swards

Dr Marie Tidbull

Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Children's Social Care

Draft Report, Children's Social Care, proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 430.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 8 July at 9.30am.

Tuesday 08 July 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Jess Asato
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Amanda Martin
Darren Paffeyw
Manuela Perteghella
Mark Swards
Caroline Voaden

Damian Hinds, Culture, Media and Sport Committee and Alex Sobel, Joint Committee on Human Rights also attended for item 3 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Education Committee resolution of 1 July).

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Solving the Send Crisis

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Ms Ekaterina Harrison [SEN 472]; PAGS [SEN 622]; Ms Camille Deeny, Ms Charlene Halsey, Mr Jason Halsey, Ms Alison Miller, Ms Heather Penny, Ms Caitlin Taylor, Mr Martin Taylor, Ms Hayley Thomson-de Boor, Ms Jolanta Waugh and Mr Paul Waugh [SEN 818]

3. Curriculum and Assessment Review

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Curriculum and Assessment Review submitted by Pearson [CAR 01] be reported to the House for publication.

Professor Becky Francis CBE, Chair of The Curriculum and Assessment Review gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 15 July at 9.30am.

Tuesday 15 July 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Jess Asato
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Amanda Martin
Darren Paffey
Mark Sowards
Dr Marie Tidbull
Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Early Years.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

New Children's Homes

Correspondence from Janet Daby MP, Minister for Children and Families, dated 9 July 2025

3. Solving the Send Crisis

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 22 July at 9.30am.

Tuesday 22 July 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Rt Hon Sir James Cleverly

Dr Caroline Johnson

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Sowards

Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Publication of the updated statutory guidance on Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE), and the government's response to the consultation

Correspondence from Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 15 July 2025

Curriculum and Assessment Review

Correspondence with Professor Becky Francis CBE, dated 22 July 2025

Solving the SEND Crisis

Correspondence from Association of Educational Psychologists, dated 07 July 2025

Mrs Megan Cornwell [SEN 0132]; Perseid School and MSTA [SEN 0166]; Wendy Baverstock [SEN 0171]; Mr Simon Knight [SEN 0179]; National Medicines In Specialist Schools Group [SEN 0191]; Octavia House Schools [SEN 0217]; Mr Charles Gill [SEN 0218]; Ms D Healy [SEN 0236]; Mrs Petra Lee and MRS Sandra Vanderslaghmolen [SEN 0330]; Hannah Richards [SEN 0440]; Miss Anne Cooper

[SEN 0494]; Kelvin Grove [Primary School [SEN 0502]; Mrs Susan Burke [SEN 0513]; Tydd St Mary C of E Primary School [SEN 0561]; Tydd St Mary and Weston Hills C of E Primary Schools Federation [0567]; the Catterick's Garrison ASSIST Project (GAP) [SEN 0570]; Freemantles School [SEN 0579]; Drumbeat Outreach (part of Drumbeat School and Service) [SEN 0581]; Miss Sharon Damerall [SEN 0582]; Unity Schools Partnership [SEN 0619]; Miss Sarah Tufts [SEN 0623]; Mrs Faith Newton [SEN 0625]; Kiran Hingorani Malcolm Reeve Dr Rona Tutt and Julie Walker [SEN 0627]; Mrs Kirsty Haddleton [SEN 0635]; Mrs Kirsty Haddleton [SEN 0636]; Mrs. Aimee Durning [SEN 0651]; Moor House Research & Training Institute, part of Moor House School & College [SEN 0665]; Milton Keynes City Council [SEN 0712]; Learning in Harmony Trust [SEN 0714]; Professor Colleen McLaughlin [SEN 0716]; Department of Psychiatry, University of Cambridge [SEN 0717]; Visiting professor in inclusion, special educational needs and disability Christopher Robertson [SEN 0729]; River Tees Multi-Academy Trust [SEN 0730]; Visiting professor in inclusion, special educational needs and disability Christopher Robertson [SEN 0731]; Dr Tim COULSON, Mr Ronnie JACOB and Mr Ash PATIL [SEN 0737]; Dr Diana Boyd [SEN 0744]; Career Connect [SEN 0746]; Ordinary Classrooms Educational Consultancy Ltd [SEN 0749]; Dr Judith Lunn [SEN 0750]; National Society for Education (Church of England and Church in Wales) [SEN 0754]; A Little Bit of Sunshine UK [SEN 0781]; Mr Gary Aubin [SEN 0782]; Triple P UK [SEN 0784]; Grace Duffy [SEN 0797]; Aspris Children's Services [SEN 0799]; The British Association for Deaf Children and Young People (BATOD). [SEN 0808]; Wider Ambition [SEN 0821]; CENMAC - Assistive Technology in Education [SEN 0823]; More House School, Frensham [SEN 0825]; Cavendish Educatio [SEN 0840]; Royal National College for the Blind [SEN 0843]; Children's Services Development Group (CSDG) [SEN 0851]; Dixons Academies Trust [SEN 0858]; the Anti-Bullying Alliance [SEN 0873]; Supporting Education Group (SEG) [SEN 0875]; University of Exeter Centre for Wellbeing, Inclusion, Disability in Education Research (WIDER) [SEN 0876]; National Institute of Teaching [SEN 0877]; National Association for Hospital Education [SEN 0879]; National Association of Principal Educational Psychologists (NAPEP) [SEN 0881]; St Gregory's CEVC Primary School [SEN 0882]; Guide Dogs' [SEN 0888]; Disability Rights UK [SEN 0889]; Better Communication CIC [SEN 0892];

3. School Attendance

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to School Attendance be reported to the House for publication:

Carers Trust; Children in School ready to learn; National Education Union

Julie McCulloch, Senior Director of Strategy, Policy & Professional Development, Association of School and College Leaders, Dr Susan Morris-King, Deputy Director for Schools and Early Education, Ofsted, Heather Sandy, Chair of Association of Directors of Children's Services Education Policy Committee and Executive Director of Children's Services for Lincolnshire County Council and Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Deputy Chair of the LGA's Children & Young People Board, Local Government Association gave oral evidence.

Dan Lilley, Senior Researcher, Centre for Social Justice, Ellie Costello, Executive Director, Square Peg and Rachael Kenningham, Head of Policy and Engagement, School-Home Support gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 2 September at 9.30am.

Tuesday 2 September 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Jess Asato
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Amanda Martin
Darren Paffey
Manuella Perteghella
Mark Swards
Dr Marie Tidbull
Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Access arrangements in examinations

Correspondence from Sir Ian Bauckham CBE, Chief Regulator of the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual), dated 23 July 2025

Funding for the Families First Partnership programme

Correspondence from Janet Daby MP, Minister for Children and Families, dated 8 August 2025

3. Solving the SEND Crisis

Draft Report, Solving the SEND Crisis, proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 492.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Solving the SEND Crisis, be reported to the House for publication:

Correspondence from Joint Unions, dated 28 May 2025

Empowering Learning [SEN 105]; Betoim [SEN 107]; Stephen J Morgan [SEN 109]; Dr Katharine Petersen [SEN 114]; Springboard Opportunity Group [SEN 121]; On LineTraining Ltd [SEN 128]; Tweseldown Infants [SEN 137]; West Yorkshire ADHD Support Group [SEN 141]; Mrs Melanie Hopton [SEN 143]; National SENCo Advocacy Network [SEN 146]; Mr P Barber [SEN 147]; Mrs Sally Orr [SEN 161]; Mrs Naomi Williams [SEN 162]; Tracy Jubb [SEN 167]; Torbay community paediatrics [SEN 170]; CWaC SEND Accountability [SEN 173]; Ms Jo Platt [SEN 182]; Mr Simon Jeffery (Emergency Gas Engineer at Cadent Gas Network) [SEN 198]; Hannah Morris (Educational Psychologist at EdPsych4Kids) [SEN 200]; Raw Learning Community CIC [SEN 202]; Pinpoint Cambridgeshire [SEN 205]; Nick Knapman [SEN 216]; The Kayaks (Kids And Young Adults Klub-Special Needs support group) [SEN 221]; Mr Keith Warig (self employed optometrist at Colour My Words) [SEN 227]; High Vibe Foundation [SEN 234]; First Look SEN [SEN 247]; 20/20health [SEN 256]; Mrs Lesley Thomson (Retired primary school teacher at Supply agency) [SEN 271]; Autistica [SEN 273]; Mrs Isabelle Finn-Kelcey (Specialist teacher for autism: children at Home Educator) [SEN 274]; Mr Ian Mason (Headteacher at Mills Hill Primary) { SEND 275}; SORCHA NÍ CHOBHTHAIGH (PhD Candidate at UCL) [SEN 276]; pdnet [SEN 283]; Dr Sarah Tighe ; Dr Niamh Wherity [SEN 288]; Mr Richard Bottomley (Headteacher at Bradford AP Academy) [SEN 290]; Stuart Marpole [SEN 291]; Professor Margaret Snowling (Professor Emeritus and Research Fellow at St. John's College, Oxford) [SEN 292]; Miss Molly Martin [SEN 315]; Mr Clive Groves (NONE at retired - previously DSCO / social work manager) [SEN 323]; Long Covid Kids & Friends [SEN 336]; Ms Cecilia Coggi [SEN 338]; Mrs Tracey Dell [SEN 342]; Miss Samantha Bateman [SEN 358]; S Whalley [SEN 360]; Little Hearts Matter [SEN 363]; Dr Sarah Flindall (GP partner at East Norfolk Medical Practice) [SEN 365]; Royal College of Occupational Therapists [SEN 372]; nurtureuk [SEN 381]; National Star [SEN 393]; Mrs Lucy Emma Little (Decorate student at Uclan University) [SEN 396]; Mercuri International (UK) Ltd [SEN 399]; Mrs Koreen Fisher [SEN 420]; Lorna MacCormac (SEND consultant at Self-employed) [SEN 439]; BMet College [SEN 442]; Mrs Claire Chapman (SEND QA manager at LA) [SEN 475]; Dr Stephanie King (Early Career Academic at University of Derby) [SEN 490]; Children North East [SEN 491]; Sunshine Support [SEN 495]; Nystagmus Network [SEN 501]; Witherslack Group [SEN

504]; Simon Miller [SEN 511]; Ms Tonya Kavanagh (SEND Manager at Beechwood Childcare Ltd PVI setting) [SEN 516]; Miss Elizabeth Payne [SEN 521]; Mr Christopher Moore [SEN 522]; Mrs Helen Harris (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Officer at The Tapscott Learning Trust) [SEN 533]; Learning DNA Ltd [SEN 534]; Dr Andre Imich (SEN and Disability Specialist Adviser at AI SEND Advisory Service) [SEN 542]; Emma Sadler [SEN 543]; Alessandro Capozzi [SEN 546]; Greenwood Academies Trust [SEN 553]; Service Children's Progression Alliance [SEN 554]; DFN Project SEARCH [SEN 556]; Leonie Maclay [SEN 560]; Dr Liam Maloy (Senior Lecturer in Education (Research) at University of Derby); Jo Tolley (Researcher and Research Administrator at University of Derby); Emma Cross (Researcher at University of Derby); Nicholas Barwell (Researcher at University of Derby); Alex Brown (Researcher at University of Derby) [SEN 563]; Dyslexia Cornwall [SEN 566]; Voice 21 [SEN 568]; 24x7 Group, SENDTO [SEN 569]; Chance UK [SEN 571]; Andy Hyde; Linda Abdulkabir; Martin Dean; Marion Strudwick; Carla Correia; Maria Telesia [SEN 572]; Dr Sarah Macquarrie (Senior Lecturer in Psychology of Education at University of Manchester); Dr Alexandra Hennessey (Senior Lecturer in Psychology of Education at University of Manchester) [SEN 573]; Torbay Council [SEN 574]; Hackney SEND Parent Carer Forum [SEN 577]; Prior's Court Foundation [SEN 578]; Healthwatch York [SEN 585]; Etio [SEN 591]; Paul Eames [SEN 593]; Mr Calvin Bailey (MP at Constituency of Leyton and Wanstead); Ms Georgina McDonald (Senior Caseworker at Constituency of Leyton and Wanstead) [SEN 596]; Together Trust [SEN 602]; The Beckmead Trust [SEN 603]; England and Wales Cricket Board [SEN 604]; New College Worcester [SEN 605]; Dr Vasilis Strogilos (Associate Professor at University of Southampton) [SEN 607]; EPIC Think Learn C.I.C. [SEN 608]; VIEW (Professional Association of the Vision Impairment Education Workforce) [SEN 613]; Renaissance (incorporating GL Assessment) [SEN 616]; Mums Supporting Mums Horsham [SEN 621]; Ms Denise Yates [SEN 626]; Solving the SEND Crisis in the UK - a somatic perspective Angela Dennis [SEN 629]; SpeechWise Ltd [SEN 631]; Rev Simon Stevens (Senior Caseworker at Loughborough Constituency - Office of Jeevun Sandher, MP); Elizabeth Hopper; Alex Watts; Mark Hopper; Gemma Tyler Carss ; Eleanor Wheatley ; Rachel Powell; Georgina Walters; Dr Douglas Gray; Kathryn Stevens [SEN 632]; Dr Imogen Hagarty [SEN 633]; Cornwall Council [SEN 637]; Ms Alison Farmer (Retired Principal Educational Psychologist and Assistant Director for SEND at Local Authority - Kent, London Boroughs - Croydon, Kensington, Westminster, Hammersmith and Camden) [SEN 638]; NET Academy Trust [SEN 641]; The Blue Tangerine Federation [SEN 642]; Learn Sheffield [SEN 643]; Neville [SEN

644]; Herts Community NHS Trust [SEN 645]; Essex County Council [SEN 655]; Hertfordshire County Council { SEND 657]; Armed Forces Families and Safeguarding, Ministry of Defence [SEN 658]; Ms Sam Martin-Morrissey (SENCO at Home) [SEN 660]; Tute Education [SEN 664]; Patoss, the Professional Association of Teachers of Students with Specific Learning Difficulties [SEN 667]; Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust [SEN 669]; Whole Education [SEN 671]; Stonehouse Park Federation [SEN 673]; Mrs Sarah Rose (Specialist Dyslexia Teacher at Self-employed) [SEN 674]; Cambridgeshire Speech & Language Therapy Service - Cambridgeshire Community Services, NHS Trust [SEN 675]; REAch2 Academy Trust [SEN 677]; Portsmouth City Council [SEN 679]; Action-attainment CIC [SEN 680]; Max Appeal [SEN 681]; RAF Families Federation [SEN 683]; MP Amanda Hack (Member of Parliament at UK Government) [SEN 684]; Dr Samantha Friedman (Lecturer in Applied Psychology at University of Edinburgh); Dr Sinéad Mullally [SEN 685]; Association of Educational Psychologists [SEN 686]; SNAP [SEN 687]; Fair Education Alliance Youth Steering Group [SEN 688]; Naomi Alderson (Senior Corporate Affairs Manager at The Careers & Enterprise Company) [SEN 690]; Peter Monk [SEN 691]; Mr Andrew Western (Member of Parliament at UK Government); [SEN 692]; National Sensory Impairment Partnership [SEN 694]; Professor Pam Cox (MP for Colchester at MP for Colchester); Ms Kayleigh Rippingale (Senior Caseworker at Pam Cox MP for Colchester); Ms Laura Philpin (SEND Caseworker at Pam Cox MP for Colchester) [SEN 696]; Early Education and Childcare Coalition [SEN 698]; ADHD 360 [SEN 699]; Seashell [SEN 700]; Iris Possibilities CIC [SEN 701]; Beechwood Childcare Limited [SEN 702]; Dr Richard Melling (Educational Psychologist at Independent) [SEN 703]; Speech, Language and Communication Alliance [SEN 704]; The Tutor Trust [SEN 705]; Enrich Learning Trust [SEN 711]; Elizabeth Pole (Kent Professional Lead Speech & Language Therapist for the Balanced System at Kent County Council); Hester Mackay (SEND Therapies Lead Teacher at Kent County Council); Ruth Clement (Head of Kent Children's Therapies at Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust); Helen Waymouth (Head of CYP Therapies at East Kent Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust) [SEN 715]; Yorkshire and Humber ADCS sub groups [SEN 720]; Yeovil Opportunity Group [SEN 724]; Mrs Fiona Green (Neurodiversity Advocate at n/a) [SEN 727]; Beechwood Childcare Limited [SEN 728]; Torbay Council [SEN 739]; Agilisys [SEN 751]; Indoamerican Refugee and Migrant Organisation [SEN 753]; Lane [SEN 771]; Broomfield South SILC [SEN 786]; Nisai Learning [SEN 787]; Minerva's Virtual Academy [SEN 788]; Premier Advisory Group [SEN 800]; Dr Francisco Azpitarte (Senior Lecturer in Social Policy at Loughborough University);

Professor Louise Holt (Professor Human Geography at Loughborough University); Dr Sobhi Berjawi (Research Associate at Loughborough University) [SEN 802]; Dr Anna Cook (Surrey Future Fellow at University of Surrey); Professor Emily Farran (Professor in Developmental Psychology at University of Surrey); Dr Emma Williams (Lecturer in Developmental Psychology at University of Surrey); Dr Jo Moss (Senior Lecturer in Developmental Psychology at University of Surrey); Dr Marie Martel (Lecturer in Developmental Psychology at University of Surrey); Dr Debbie Gooch (Lecturer in Developmental Psychology at University of Surrey) [SEN 814]; #BeeWell [SEN 816]; Kate Steer [SEN 819]; Mrs Alison Vaughan [SEN 839]; sedsconnective [SEN 842]; M King [SEN 844]; Gemma Giles [SEN 846]; Brian Burke [SEN 847]; Sinclairs Law [SEN 849]; Anna Freud [SEN 853]; Joel Benjamin [SEN 855]; Juliette Ttofa [SEN 859]; IMPACT [SEN 865]; Dr Angela Thompson [SEN 866]; Global Mediation [SEN 870]; Haringey Council [SEN 872]; Brunel [SEN 878]; Optima Psychology [SEN 883]; Cllr Dr Gwen Grahl (Labour Councillor and Lead Member for Children, Young People and Schools at Cricklewood & Mapesbury) [SEN 885]; Steve Yemm MP [SEN 886]; Children's Commissioner for England [SEN 891]; Natspec [SEN 895]

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 10 September at 9.00am.

Wednesday 10 September 2025

The Committee met concurrently with the Work and Pensions Committee

Members present

Helen Hayes

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Dr Caroline Johnson

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Caroline Voaden

Work and Pensions Committee members present

The following members of the Work and Pensions Committee were also present (Standing Order No. 137A): Debbie Abrahams, Johanna Baxter, Mr Peter Bedford, Steve Darling, Amanda Hack, Frank McNally and David Pinto-Duschinsky.

Debbie Abrahams was called to the Chair (Standing Order No.137A (1)(d)).

4. Child Poverty Taskforce

The Committees considered this matter.

Alex Tennant, Interim Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People, Nicola Killean, Children and Young People's Commissioner for Scotland, Children's Commissioner for Scotland and Rocio Cifuentes, Children and Young People's Commissioner for Wales, Children's Commissioner for Wales gave oral evidence.

Resolved, That Helen Hayes take the Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the meeting.—(Dr Caroline Johnson)

Professor Stephen Sinclair, Chair of the Poverty and Inequality Commission and Steffan Evans, Head of Policy (Poverty), Bevan Foundation gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 16 September at 9.30am.

Tuesday 16 September 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Jess Asato
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Darren Paffey
Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That Chris Murray of the Home Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 21 October 2025 relating to Higher Education and Funding: Threat of Insolvency and International Students, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Higher Education and Funding: Threat of Insolvency and International Students

Professor G.R. Evans [HEF0001]; Jonathan Lewis [HEF0003]; Professor Sam Illingworth [HEF0004]; Mr Richard Stott [HEF0005]; Spowage [HEF0006]; Academy of Social Sciences [HEF0007]; Dr Tariq Umar [HEF0008]; Glen O'Hara [HEF0009]; Falmouth University [HEF0010]; Professor Maia Chankseliani [HEF0011]; Professor Roger Brown [HEF0012]; Michael Shattock [HEF0013]; University of Glasgow [HEF0014]; Professor Jefferson Frank [HEF0015]; Aston University [HEF0016]; Migration Advisory Committee [HEF0017]; Cambridge University Press & Assessment [HEF0018]; The Chartered Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences (CASES) [HEF0019]; Campaign for Science and Engineering (CaSE) [HEF0020]; Royal Town Planning Institute [HEF0021]; Anonymous written evidence [HEF0022]; The Science Council [HEF0023]; Conservatoires UK [HEF0024]; Unite the Union [HEF0025]; Russell Group [HEF0026]; The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education [HEF0027]; The University of Lincoln [HEF0028]; The Institute of Cancer Research [HEF0029]; Caroline Kamau-Mitchell [HEF0030]; Institute of Physics [HEF0031]; University

of Northampton [HEF0032]; Engineering Professors' Council, Engineering Council [HEF0033]; University of East London [HEF0034]; Universities Geoscience UK [HEF0035]; Royal Society of Chemistry [HEF0036]; The Cathedrals Group of Universities [HEF0037]; Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA) [HEF0038]; UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA) [HEF0039]; Mr James Pitman [HEF0040]; University of York [HEF0041]; Mr Peter Ainsworth [HEF0042]; University of Kent [HEF0043]; Association of Colleges [HEF0044]; Sheffield Hallam University [HEF0045]; Newcastle University [HEF0046]; University of Hull [HEF0047]; Ana Redondo [HEF0048]; Royal Astronomical Society [HEF0049]; IDP Education UK and Ireland [HEF0050]; The British Academy [HEF0051]; Dr Donna Brown [HEF0052]; Student Loans Company [HEF0053]; Imperial College London [HEF0054]; UNISON [HEF0055]; London Higher [HEF0056]; UK Music Submission [HEF0057]; Kingston University London [HEF0059]; Cranfield University [HEF0060]; Local Economic Effects of Universities [HEF0061]; Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education [HEF0062]; The Institute for Turnaround [HEF0063]; Dr Jack Willoughby [HEF0064]; techUK [HEF0065]; National Centre for Universities and Business (NCUB) [HEF0067]; BUFDG [HEF0068]; Mills & Reeve LLP [HEF0069]; University of Manchester [HEF0070]; BUILA [HEF0071]; Chartered Association of Business Schools [HEF0072]; GuildHE [HEF0073]; International Higher Education Commission [HEF0074]; MillionPlus, The Association for Modern Universities [HEF0075]; Independent Higher Education [HEF0076]; SOAS University of London [HEF0077]; UCU [HEF0078]; Musicians' Union [HEF0079]; Mr Chris Pritchard [HEF0080]; Institute for Fiscal Studies [HEF0081]; Department for Education [HEF0082]; Policy Connect [HEF0083]; Dr John Connolly [HEF0084]; Simon Woodage [HEF0085]; Ann Smith [HEF0086]; Social Market Foundation [HEF0087]; National Union of Students [HEF0088]; Sheffield University Student Union [HEF0089]; UKResearch and Innovation (UKRI) [HEF0090]; Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) [HEF0091]; Fahim Khan [HEF0092]; Universities UK (UUK) [HEF0093]; University Alliance [HEF0094]; Royal Society [HEF0097]

Disabled Facilities Grant: Consultation on Funding Allocation Formula

Correspondence from Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Homelessness and Democracy, dated 23 July 2025

3. Further Education and Skills

Draft Report, Further Education and Skills, proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 666.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Further Education and Skills, be reported to the House for publication:

City College Norwich [FES0275] and Association of Colleges [FES0276]

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 14 October at 9.30am.

Tuesday 14 October 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Jess Asato
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Dr Caroline Johnson
Darren Paffey
Manuela Perteghella
Mark Sowards
Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Children's Social Care

Draft Special Report (Children's Social Care): Government Response to the Committee's Fourth report of session 2024–25), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Fourth Report from the Committee of Session 2024-25 was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Fifth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

3. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Higher Education and Funding: Threat of Insolvency and International Students

Russell Group Students' Unions, Students' Union UCL [HEF058]; Destination for Education [HEF0066]; Office for Students [HEF0098]

Disadvantage funding and free school meals

Correspondence from Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 17 September 2025

Cross-government response to the Domestic Abuse Commissioner's report 'Victims in their own right? Babies, children and young people's experience of domestic abuse'

Correspondence from Josh MacAlister OBE MP, Minister for Children and Families, dated 25 September 2025

4. The work of the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted)

Sir Martyn Oliver, His Majesty's Chief Inspector and Dame Christine Gilbert, Chair, Ofsted gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 21 October at 9.30am.

Tuesday 21 October 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Dr Caroline Johnson

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Swards

Caroline Voaden

Chris Murray, Home Affairs Committee also attended for item 3 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Education Committee resolution of 16 September).

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Higher Education and Funding: Threat of Insolvency and International Students

Centre for Cities [HEF099]

Further Education and Skills

Youth Future Foundations [FES0277]

3. Higher Education and Funding: Threat of Insolvency and International Students

Carol Prokopyszyn, member of BUFDG Executive Committee, British Universities Finance Directors Group, Neil Smyth, Partner, Mills and Reeve LLP, Adam Leach, National Civic Impact Director, Civic University Network and Vivienne Stern, Chief Executive, Universities UK gave oral evidence.

Professor Brian Bell, Chair, Migration Advisory Committee, David Pilsbury, Secretary, International Higher Education Commission, Dani Payne, Head of Education and Social Mobility, Social Market Foundation and Rachel MacSween, Director of Client Partnerships and Stakeholder Engagement, UK International and Europe, IDP Education gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 28 October at 9.15am.

Tuesday 28 October 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Darren Paffey

Mark Swards

Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) and the management of school estates

Tracey Field Consulting Ltd [RAAC 01]; Surveyors to Education [RAAC 02]

Children's literacy

Correspondence from Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 20 October 2025

Publication of the Post-16 Education and Skills White Paper

Correspondence from Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 20 October 2025

Cross-government response to the Domestic Abuse Commissioner's report 'Victims in their own right? Babies, children and young people's experience of domestic abuse'

Correspondence with Josh MacAlister OBE MP, Minister for Children and Families, dated 28 October 2025

Solving the SEND Crisis

Correspondence with Chris Coghlan MP, Member of Parliament for Dorking and Horley dated 16 and 28 October 2025

3. Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) and the management of school estates

Patrick Hayes, Technical Director, Institution for Structural Engineers, Professor Chris Goodier, Professor of Construction and Materials, Loughborough University, Rob Thomas, Co-Chair, the Educational Building and Development Officers Group of local authorities, Bryony Green, Chief Operating Officer, Aldridge Education and Andy Walls, Educational Adviser, NAHT - The School Leaders Union gave oral evidence.

Josh Macalister OBE MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Children and Families) and Dr Jonathan Dewsbury, Director of Education Estates and Net Zero, Department for Education gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 4 November at 9.15am.

Tuesday 4 November 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Sowards

Peter Swallow

Chris Vince

Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Early Years: Improving Support for Children and Families

Policy Institute [EYS 74]; Education Endowment Foundation [EYS 092]; Coram Family and Childcare [EYS 107]; Professor Eva Lloyd [EYS 113]; Department for Education [EYS 114]

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 11 November at 9.30am.

Tuesday 11 November 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Dr Caroline Johnson

Darren Paffey

Mark Swards

Peter Swallow

Chris Vince

Caroline Voaden

1. Declaration of interests

Peter Swallow and Chris Vince declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Solving the SEND Crisis

Correspondence with Joanna Parry, National Officer, Unison the union, dated 11 November 2025

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

Correspondence with Sir Martyn Oliver, His Majesty's Chief Inspector, Ofsted, dated 24 October 2025

Publication of the Schools White Paper

Correspondence with Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 11 November 2025

Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) and the management of school estates

Bryony Green [RAAC 03]

Early Years: Improving Support for Children and Families

National Nanny Association [EYS0001]; Dr Nikki Fairchild, Dr Éva Mikuska [EYS0004]; Dr Aaron Bradbury [EYS0007]; University of Sheffield [EYS0008]; Antonia Simon [EYS0012]; Dr Sebastian Kraemer [EYS0013]; Middlesex University [EYS0014]; Professor Helen Penn [EYS0015]; Mrs Naomi Williams [EYS0016]; Prof Emily Farran [EYS0019]; University of Bristol [EYS0020]; Hampshire County Council [EYS0021]; University of Bath [EYS0022]; LGSCO [EYS0025]; UCL [EYS0027]; Professor Catherine Davies [EYS0028]; Bristol Speech and Language Therapy Research Unit [EYS0029]; Joseph Rowntree Foundation [EYS0031]; Professor Samantha Johnson, Professor Camilla Gilmore [EYS0033]; Catholic Education Service [EYS0034]; Nuffield Foundation [EYS0035]; Action for Children [EYS0036]

4. Early Years: Improving Support for Children and Families

Dr Tammy Campbell, Director for Early Years, Inequalities and Wellbeing, Education Policy Institute, Sarah Tillotson, Early Years Lead, Education Endowment Foundation, Lydia Hodges, Head, Coram Family and Childcare and Professor Eva Lloyd, Emeritus Professor, Department of Early Childhood & Education, University of East London gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 18 November at 9.30am.

Tuesday 18 November 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Darren Paffey
Manuela Perteghella
Peter Swallow
Chris Vince

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Best Start: A Fresh Start for Children and Family Support

Correspondence from the Centre for Young Lives, dated 6 November 2025

PHSO's investigation into the Department for Education

Correspondence with Rt Hon Josh MacAlister OBE MP, Minister for Children and Families, Department for Education,, dated 11 November 2025

Early Years: Improving Support for Children and Families

Catholic Education Service [EYS 034]; Nuffield Foundation [EYS 035]; Action for Children [EYS 036]; Early Years Alliance [EYS 041]; Miss Jessica Green [EYS 042]; UNICEF UK [EYS 044]; British Association for Early Childhood Education [EYS 045]; Independent Association of Prep Schools (IAPS) [EYS 046]; Ms Ivana La Valle [EYS 047]; NSPCC [EYS 050]; Speech and Language UK [EYS 053]; Speech, Language and Communication Alliance [EYS 054]; Ofsted [EYS 057]; University College London - ESRC Centre for Lifecourse Health Equity: Equalise [EYS 058]; Greater London Authority [EYS 059]; Liverpool City Council [EYS 060]; Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health [EYS 061]; Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, Six Local Authorities [EYS 065]; Professor Verity Campbell-Barr [EYS 066]; Prof Claire Crawford, Dr Laura Outhwaite [EYS

067]; The LEGO Group [EYS 070]; Dr Joanna Clifton-Sprigg, Prof Kerry Papps,
Ms Sara Linjawi [EYS 075]

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 November at 9.30am.

Tuesday 25 November 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Sowards

Peter Swallow

Chris Vince

Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Families First Partnership (FFP) Programme

Correspondence with Rt Hon Josh MacAlister OBE MP, Minister for Children and Families, Department for Education, dated 20 November 2025

Early Years: Improving Support for Children and Families

Anglia Ruskin University, Essex County Council [EYS0076]; YMCA England & Wale [EYS0077]; Sense [EYS0079]; NAHT - The school leaders' union [EYS0080]; The Manchester Metropolitan University [EYS0082]; Local Government Association [EYS0083]; Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists [EYS0084]; National Foundation for Educational Research [EYS0087]; Early Education and Childcare Coalition [EYS0088]; Islington Council [EYS0089]; Mothers at Home Matter [EYS0094]; National Children's Bureau [EYS0095]; BookTrust [EYS0096]; Coram PACEY [EYS0098]; Magic Breakfast [EYS0102]; Professor Camilla Gilmore, Professor Victoria Simms [EYS0104]; Dingley's Promise [EYS0106]; Matt Buttery [EYS0108]; The Sutton Trust [EYS0109]; National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) [EYS0112]; UNISON [EYS0116]; Barnardo's [EYS0117]; London Councils [EYS0119]

Higher Education and Funding: Threat of Insolvency and International Students

Universities UK [HEF0101]; National Civic Impact Accelerator (NCIA) [HEF0102]

3. Higher Education and Funding: Threat of Insolvency and International Students

Rt Hon Baroness Smith of Malvern, Minister for Skills, Patrick Curry, Director for Higher Education Oversight, Department for Education and Susan Lapworth, Chief Executive, Office for Students gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 2 December at 2.00pm.

Tuesday 02 December 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Dr Caroline Johnson
Darren Paffey
Rebecca Paul
Mark Swards
Peter Swallow
Chris Vince
Caroline Voaden

1. Declaration of interests

Rebecca Paul declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Further Education and Skills

Draft Special Report (Further Education and Skills): Government Response to the Committee's Sixth report of session 2024–26), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Sixth Report from the Committee of Session 2024-26 was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Sixth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

4. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Higher Education and Funding

Kingston University [HEF0104]

5. The Work of the Department for Education

Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State, and Susan Acland-Hood, Permanent Secretary, Department for Education gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 9 December at 9.30am.

Tuesday 09 December 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Dr Caroline Johnson

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Sowards

Peter Swallow

Chris Vince

Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Publication of the Institute for Apprenticeships (Transfer of Functions) Report on exercise of the Secretary of State's functions

Correspondence from The Rt Hon Baroness Smith of Malvern, Minister for Skills, Department for Education, dated 27 November 2025

Higher Education and Funding

Correspondence with The Rt Hon Baroness Smith of Malvern, Minister for Skills, Department for Education, dated 9 December 2025

Solving the SEND Crisis

Correspondence with Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 27 November 2025

Youth Guarantee and Growth and Skills Levy

Correspondence from Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, dated 8 December 2025

Early Years: Improving Support for Children and Families

The Children's Garden [EYS0003]; National Partnership in Early Learning and Childcare [EYS0009]; Mr Hleb Buziuk [EYS0010]; Little Explorers Cornwall [EYS0011]; The Hullbridge Preschool [EYS0017]; Good Faith Partnership [EYS0018]; Auditory Verbal UK [EYS0023]; Miss Justine Marsh [EYS0024]; Early Education, National Association of Head Teachers, National Education Union, UNISON [EYS0026]; Dr Sara Bonetti [EYS0049]; Headstart Nursery 2 [EYS0006]; Mrs. Bridget Taylor [EYS0030]

3. Early Years: Improving Support for Children and Families

Ka Lai Brightley-Hodges, Head, Coram PACEY, Neil Leitch OBE, Chief Executive, Early Years Alliance, Purnima Tanuku CBE, Executive Chair, National Day Nurseries Association and Beatrice Merrick, Chief Executive, Early Education gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 16 December at 9.30am.

Tuesday 16 December 2025

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Swards

Peter Swallow

Chris Vince

Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Law Commission's review of disabled children's social care

Correspondence with Rt Hon Josh MacAlister OBE MP, Minister for Children and Families, dated 11 December 2025

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

Correspondence with Sir Martyn Oliver, His Majesty's Chief Inspector, Ofsted, dated 11 December 2025

Consultation on the proposed approach to regulating on-screen assessment in GCSEs AS and A Levels

Correspondence from Sir Ian Bauckham, Chief Regulator of Ofqual, dated 27 November 2025

Consultation on Proposed Child Protection Authority

Correspondence from Rt Hon Josh MacAlister OBE MP, Minister for Children and Families, dated 10 December 2025

Child Poverty Strategy

Correspondence from Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson, Secretary of State for Education and Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, dated 10 December 2025

National Youth Strategy

Correspondence from Rt Hon Lisa Nandy MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 10 December 2025

3. Teacher recruitment, training and retention

Jack Worth, Lead Economist, National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER), Daniel Kebede, General Secretary, National Education Union (NEU) and Kathryn Morgan, Leadership and Workforce Specialist, The Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL) gave oral evidence.

Melanie Renowden, CEO, National Institute of Teaching, James Toop, CEO, Teach First, Dr Jasper Green, Head of Initial Teacher Education, Institute of Education and Graihagh Crawshaw-Sadler, CEO, Now Teach gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 6 January at 2.00pm.

Tuesday 6 January 2026

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Dr Caroline Johnson

Darren Paffey

Rebecca Paul

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Sowards

Peter Swallow

Chris Vince

Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

SEND thematic report on children with SEND who are not in school

Correspondence from Adam Sproston HMI, Senior His Majesty's Inspector, SEND and Alternative Provision, dated 11 December 2025

Supporting pupils with medical conditions

Correspondence with Georgia Gould MP, Minister for School Standards, Department for Education, dated 18 December 2025

Solving the SEND Crisis

Correspondence with Hannah Pearce, Director of Campaigns, Policy and Research, Royal British Legion, dated 18 December 2025

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 13 January at 9.30am.

Tuesday 13 January 2026

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Jess Asato
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Darren Paffey
Rebecca Paul
Manuela Perteghella
Mark Sowards
Peter Swallow
Chris Vince
Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Higher Education and funding: Threat of Insolvency and International Students

Correspondence from The Rt Hon Baroness Jacqui Smith, Minister for Skills, dated 19 December 2025

The work of the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted)

Correspondence from Sir Martyn Oliver, His Majesty's Chief Inspector, Ofsted, dated 19 December 2025

Grok AI and Protection of Women and Children Online

Correspondence with Dame Melanie Dawes, Chief Executive, Ofcom, dated 13 January 2026

3. The work of the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual)

Sir Ian Bauckham CBE, Chief Regulator and Michael Hanton, Deputy Chief Regulator Ofqual gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 14 January at 9.00am.

Wednesday 14 January 2026

The Committee met concurrently with the Work and Pensions Committee

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Darren Paffey
Peter Swallow

Work and Pensions Committee members present

The following members of the Work and Pensions Committee were also present (Standing Order No. 137A): Debbie Abrahams, Rushanara Ali, David Baines, Lee Barron, Johanna Baxter, Damien Egan, Amanda Hack, John Milne and Joy Morrissey.

Debbie Abrahams was called to the Chair (Standing Order No.137A (1)(d)).

1. Child Poverty Strategy

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee agrees to meet concurrently with the Work and Pensions Committee for the purpose of examining the Government's Child Poverty Strategy and related matters.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 20 January at 9.30am.

Tuesday 20 January 2026

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Dr Caroline Johnson
Darren Paffey
Rebecca Paul
Manuela Perteghella
Mark Swards
Peter Swallow
Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Department for Education's response to the Law Commission's review of disabled children's social care

Correspondence from Josh MacAlister OBE MP, Minister for Children and Families, dated 14 January 2026

Reading for Pleasure

The Comics Cultural Impact Collective (CCIC) [REP0013]; National Literacy Trust [RFP0018]; HarperCollins Publishers UK [RFP0020]; Oak National Academy [RFP0022]; HarperCollins UK, Open University, UK Literacy Association [RFP0023]; Dr Jeanne Shinskey, Professor Jessie Ricketts, Dr Amber Muhinyi, Dr Suzanne Aussems, Professor Jessica Horst, Ly Chu, Dr Rebecca Brewer and Dr Laura Shapiro [RFP0024]; Rebecca Simpson-Hargreaves [RFP0025]; Penguin Random House UK [RFP0027]; Booksellers Association [RFP0028]; The Open University, United Kingdom Literacy Association (UKLA) [RFP0031]; Professor Jane Oakhill [RFP0036]; World Book Day [RFP0042]; Dr Karen (Hei Wan) Mak and Dr Jessica Bone, University College London [RFP0043]; University of Strathclyde [RFP0044]; Reading Fairy Global Ltd [RFP0045]; National Education Union [RFP0047]; Professor Sarah McGeown and Dr Miriam McBreen [RFP0048];

Dr Clementine Collett [RFP0050]; Dr Anna Harrison, Roehampton University [RFP0053]; Professor Celia Roberts [RFP0056]; Professor Dominic Wyse & Charlotte Hacking from the Helen Hamlyn Centre for Pedagogy (0 to 11 Years) (HHCP), UCL Institute of Education [RFP0058]; Equalise: ESRC Centre for Lifecourse Health Equity [RFP0059]; Shropshire Bookfest [RFP0060]; Scholastic [RFP0062]; Arts Council England [RFP0065]; Parentkind [RFP0066]; Mr Mathew Tobin [RFP0071]; Dr. Laura Shapiro, Dr. Sanne van der Kleij, Professor Jessie Ricketts and Professor at Royal Holloway [RFP0072]; Society of Authors [RFP0073]; Libraries Connected [RFP0074]; Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals CILIP [RFP0076]; Bookmark Reading Charity [RFP0085]; Fujia Yang/ Dr Wenqing Chen/Professor Beng Huat See/Professor Stephen Gorard [RFP0086]; The Children's Literacy Charity [RFP0087]; Nuffield Foundation [RFP0095]; NAHT [RFP0104]; Professor Holly Joseph & Dr Daisy Powell [RFP0108]; The Open University (Early Literacy Research Group) [RFP0122]; Booktrust [RFP0132]; School Library Association [RFP0137]; the Department for Culture, Media and Sport [RFP0139]; The Reading Agency [RFP0145]; Great School Libraries [RFP0152]

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 27 January at 2.00pm.

Tuesday 27 January 2026

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Rebecca Paul

Peter Swallow

Chris Vince

Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the committee visit Estonia in relation to its inquiry into Early Years: Improving Support for Children and Families.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

UK International Education Strategy

Correspondence from The Rt Hon Baroness Jacqui Smith, Minister for Skills, dated 19 January 2026

Reading for Pleasure

Dr Steve Humble, MBE and Professor Pauline Dixon, PhD, FRSA [RFP0026]; Walker Books [RFP0029]; British Dyslexia Association [RFP0083]; Speech and Language UK [RFP0089]; The Bell Foundation [RFP0110]; Publishers Association [RFP0121]; Professor Christine O'Farrelly, Professor Paul Ramchandani, EloiseStevens and Dr Eleanor Braithwaite, on behalf of the Centre for Research on Play in Education, Development and Learning (PEDAL), University of Cambridge [RFP0136]; Medway Council [RFP0138]; Libraries Rising (formally known as Association of Senior Children's and Education Librarians - ASCEL) [RFP0141]; The Centre for Literacy in Primary Education (CLPE) [RFP0161]; Oxford University Press [RFP0163]; Prof. Saloni Krishnan (UCL) [RFP0169];

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 3 February at 9.00am.

Tuesday 3 February 2026

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Jess Asato
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Dr Caroline Johnson
Darren Paffey
Manuela Perteghella
Mark Swards
Peter Swallow
Chris Vince

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Foundations of Learning: replacing RAAC and securing school buildings

Draft Report, Foundations of Learning: replacing RAAC and securing school buildings, proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 1399.

3. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Further Education ITE Reform

Correspondence from The Rt Hon Baroness Jacqui Smith, Minister for Skills, dated 26 January 2026

Reading for Pleasure

Hleb Buziuk [RFP0001]; Hollie Geey [RFP0006]; Mr Jonathan Biddle [RFP0007]; Mr Mark Nichols [RFP0008]; Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School [RFP0009]; Sneinton C of E Primary School [RFP0010]; Seven Stories The National Centre for Children's Book [RFP0011]; Cirencester Kingshill school [RFP0012]; Mr

Richard O'Neill [RFP0017]; Mrs Tania Findlay MBE [RFP0019]; John Kirk [RFP0030]; Dr Ruth Price-Mohr [RFP0033]; Dr Anish Harrison and Professor Alpesh Maisuria [RFP0034]; Abigail Steel [RFP0037]; Lisa Thompson [RFP0038]); Elmhurst Primary School [RFP0040]; Mr Guy Strong [RFP0041]; New Vision English Hub (based at Elmhurst Primary School) [RFP0046]; Bradford Diocesan Academies Trust [RFP0049]; Miriam Lord Primary School [RFP0051]; Community Managed Libraries National Peer Network [RFP0052]; MakeBelieve Arts [RFP0054]; Ms Kate Priestley [RFP0055]; Julie Nossiter [RFP0057]; Mrs Kathryn Handley [RFP0061]; Richard Addis and Ruth Miskin [RFP0064]); Professor Kate Cain (Distinguished Professor of Language and Literacy at Lancaster University); Dr Kelly Burgoyne (Senior Lecturer in Psychology of Education at University of Manchester); Professor Sue Buckley (Emeritus Professor of Developmental Disability and Director for Science and Research at University of Portsmouth and Down Syndrome Education International); Professor Christopher Jarrold (Professor of Cognitive Development at University of Bristol); Dr Susan Loveall (Associate Professor at University of Nebraska-Lincoln) [RFP0123]; Dr Shubha Sreenivas [RFP0151]; The Role of Schools in Transforming Children's Lives through Reading for Pleasure Clare McGreevy [RFP0155]; Children's Commissioner's Office [RFP0170];

4. Reading for Pleasure

Professor Teresa Cremin CBE, Professor of Education (Literacy), Open University, Dr Helen Hendry, Senior Lecturer in Education (Primary), Open University, Professor Jessie Ricketts, Professor of Psychology, Royal Holloway, University of London, Dr Jeanne Shinskey, Department of Psychology, Royal Holloway, University of London and Dr Jo Taylor, Department of Language and Cognition, Division of Psychology and Language Sciences, University College London gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 10 February at 9.30am.

Tuesday 10 February 2026

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Darren Paffey
Rebecca Paul
Manuela Perteghella
Mark Swards
Peter Swallow
Chris Vince
Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Curriculum and Assessment Review (CAR)

Correspondence from list of educators, students, researchers, youth leaders, and civil society partners, dated January 2026

Teacher recruitment, training and retention

Correspondence with Georgia Gould OBE MP, Minister for School Standards, dated 9 February 2026

The delegation of healthcare tasks to staff in schools, colleges and early years settings

Correspondence from Georgia Gould OBE MP, Minister for School Standards, dated 2 February 2026

The Government's fostering reform package

Correspondence from Josh MacAlister OBE MP Minister for Children and Families, dated 3 February 2026

Reading for Pleasure

Mrs Kathryn Handley [RFP0061]; Dr Deborah Cogan Thacker [RFP0069]; Chapter One UK [RFP0070]; Outcomes First Group [RFP0075]; The British School of Brussels [RFP0077]; BoomReader [RFP0078]; The Day News & Media Ltd [RFP0079]; Cornwall Education Learning Trust [RFP0082]; Fatherhood Institute [RFP0084]; Marie Levontine and Isobel Ramsden [RFP0088]; Doorstep Library [RFP0090]; Miss Ayse Cakan Dr Gemma Heath Dr Kathleen McCarthy and Dr Laura Shapiro [RFP0144]; Department for Education [RFP171]

3. Early Years: Improving Support for Children and Families

Jayne Coward, Deputy Director for Early Years Regulatory Policy and Practice, Ofsted, Ann Graham, Director of Children's Services Haringey Council, Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS), Mike Short, Head of local government and education, UNISON, Claire Reid, Children's Services Director, Early Years Alliance, and Clare Roberts OBE, Founder and CEO of Kids Planet, National Partnership in Early Learning and Childcare gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 10 February at 4.30pm.

Tuesday 10 February 2026

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Darren Paffey

Mark Swards

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee agrees to meet concurrently with the Health and Social Care Committee for the purpose of examining Childrens Mental Health.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 24 February at 9.30am.

Tuesday 24 February 2026

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Jess Asato
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Darren Paffey
Rebecca Paul
Mark Sowards
Peter Swallow
Chris Vince
Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

PHSO's safeguarding and whistleblowing procedural changes

Correspondence from Josh MacAlister OBE MP, Minister for Children and Families, dated 2 February 2026

Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel into the death of baby Victoria Marten

Correspondence from Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson, Secretary of State for Education, dated 11 February 2026

Grok AI and Protection of Women and Children Online

Correspondence with Dame Melanie Dawes, Chief Executive, Ofcom, dated 11 February 2026

Keeping children safe in education (KCSIE) 2026 statutory guidance

Correspondence from Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson, Secretary of State for Education, dated 12 February 2026

Historical Forced Adoption

Correspondence from Natalie Don-Innes MSP, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise, dated 19 February 2026

Reading for Pleasure

Paul Hopkins [RFP0003]; Centre for Social Justice [RFP0080]; CILIP Youth Libraries Group [RFP0091]; Bloomsbury Publishing Plc [RFP0092]; The Open University Literacy and Social Justice Centre [RFP0093]; Read for Good [RFP0094]; Scottish Book Trust [RFP0096]; Dollywood Foundation UK [RFP0097]; Fischer Family Foundation [RFP0098]; North Star Community Trust [RFP0099]; Pan Macmillan [RFP0100]; Magic Breakfast [RFP0101]; The English Association [RFP0102]; Dr Anna Kiernan [RFP0105]; Sarah Cooksley [RFP0106]; Cheltenham Festivals [RFP0107]; United Kingdom [RFP0109]; Dr. Alexander Waller, Mr. Peter Woodhouse, Ms. Haley Crane and Mr. Adam Knapper [RFP0111]; Calibre Audio [RFP0112]; Read With Me [RFP0113]; Ms A King [RFP0114]; Voice 21 [RFP0115]; EmpathyLab [RFP0117]; Jeanette Castle [RFP0118]; The benefits of reading fiction across the lifespan Min Hooi Yong [RFP0119]; The English and Media Centre [RFP0039]; Centre for Social Justice [RFP0080]; Independent Publishers Guild [RFP0120]; Southbank Centre [RFP0124]; Hachette UK [RFP0125]; Learning with Parents [RFP0126]; Dr Sara Whiteley [RFP0127]; Elibraries for Schools [RFP0128]; Ms Cathy Shail [RFP0129]; Lizzy Andrew [RFP0130]; Professor Sabine Little [RFP0131]; Give a Book [RFP0133]; Renaissance (incorporating GL Assessment) [RFP0134]; Premier League [RFP0135]; Walton High [RFP0140]; Belmont Primary School [RFP0142]; Ms Sarah Bagshaw-McCormick [RFP0143]; My Kind of Boo [RFP0146]; Centre for Policy Research on Men and Boys [RFP0147]; Simon Collis [RFP0148]; Dr Maria Angelica Thumala Olave [RFP0149]; Carmen Clayton and Rafe Clayton [RFP0150]; Ms Theresa Moses [RFP0153]; Book Clubs in Schools [RFP0156]; Miss Serena Diamond [RFP0158]; Dr Sigrid Lipka [RFP0162]; Shouvik Datta [RFP0164]; Dr Caroline Cauchi, Dr Josephine Metcalf and Dr Laura Burkinshaw [RFP0165]; CILIP [RFP0166]; Dr Julia Sutherland [RFP0167]; Bishop Road Primary School [RFP0168]; Upper Norwood Library Trust [RFP0172]; Dr Jo Taylor [RFP0174]

Early Years: Improving Support for Children and Families: Early Years Safeguarding

Mrs Reagan Culbertson-Grainger [EYS0121]; Tender Years Day Nursery [EYS0122]; LGfL [EYS0124]; Department for Education [EYS0159]; Leeds CC

Education safeguarding team [EYS0125]; Warwickshire Early Years Quality and Safeguarding Team [EYS0127]; Strong Close Nursery School [EYS0128]; Miss Rachel Buckler [EYS0131]; Katy Potts, Computing, Online Safety Islington Council, OBO Digital Standards Early Years Action Group [EYS0132]

3. Historical Forced Adoption

Professor Gordon Harold, Professor of the Psychology of Education and Mental Health, University of Cambridge, Dr Michael Lambert, Fellow in Social Inequalities, Lancaster University, Dr Janet Greenlees, Reader in Health History, Glasgow Caledonian University and Dr James Gallen, Associate Professor, School of Law and Government, Dublin City University gave oral evidence.

Emma Crowther-Duncan, National Development Lead, PAC-UK, Brenda Farrell, UK Director for Fostering, Adoption & Children In Care, Barnardo's, Colonel Peter Forrest, Chief Secretary, The Salvation Army UK and Ireland and Emily Frith, CEO, Adoption UK gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 03 March at 9.30am.

Tuesday 03 March 2026

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Dr Caroline Johnson
Darren Paffey
Rebecca Paul
Manuela Perteghella
Mark Swards
Peter Swallow
Chris Vince
Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Schools White Paper and SEND Consultation

Correspondence from Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson, Secretary of State for Education, dated 23 February 2026

Historical Forced Adoption

Correspondence with Colonel Peter Forrest, Chief Secretary, The Salvation Army UK and Ireland, dated 3 March 2026

Early Years: Improving Support for Children and Families: Early Years Safeguarding

The For Baby's Sake Trust [EYS0134]; Local Government Association [EYS0136]; Barking and Dagenham Early Years Team [EYS0137]; Ofsted [EYS0138]; Education Policy Institute [EYS0139]; Early Years Bristol City Council [EYS0140]; Peter Cooper [EYS0141]; NAHT, the School Leaders' Union [EYS0142]; Early Years Alliance [EYS0146]; Miss Meredith Hobson [EYS0147]; National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) [EYS0149]; The Lullaby Trust [EYS0150]; Early

Education and Childcare Coalition [EYS0151]; Coram PACEY [EYS0152]; Harrow Monitoring Group [EYS0153]; UNISON [EYS0160]

Higher Education and funding: Threat of Insolvency and International Students:

Warwick Students' Union [HEF0106]

3. Reading for Pleasure

Jonathan Douglas, Chief Executive, National Literacy Trust, Annie Crombie, Co-Chief Executive, BookTrust and Debbie Hicks, Creative Director, Reading Agency gave oral evidence.

Luke Taylor, Senior Researcher, Centre for Social Justice, Ellen Broomé, Chief Executive, British Dyslexia Association, Anjali Patel, Lead Advisory Teacher, Centre for Literacy in Primary Education and Onyinye Iwu, children's author, illustrator and art teacher gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 10 March at 9.30am.

Tuesday 10 March 2026

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Dr Caroline Johnson

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Swards

Peter Swallow

Chris Vince

Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Launch of a new Government consultation on AI and child online safety

Correspondence from Kanishka Narayan MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Science, Innovation & Technology dated 2 February 2026

Early Years: Improving Support for Children and Families: Early Years Safeguarding

Raised In CIC [EYS0037]; PATA (UK) [EYS0038]; Truro Nursery School [EYS0039]; Health Equity North [EYS0040]; UK Women's Budget Group [EYS0043]; HERE FYFT [EYS0048]; Cllr Eunice O'Dame [EYS0051]; NCFE [EYS0052]; People, Place and Participation. Known as Flo's - the place in the park [EYS0055]; Family Action [EYS0056]; Learning Through Landscapes [EYS0062]; Feeding Britain [EYS0063]; CreateCATT Developmental Play [EYS0069]; Mrs Michelle Winters [EYS0071]; Lindsay Ibbotson [EYS0072]; The Bell Foundation [EYS0073]; Elevate Great [EYS0078]; Daisy Fays Ltd [EYS0085]; National Centre for Creative Health (NCCH) [EYS0086]; First 1001 Days Movement [EYS0090]; Voice 21 [EYS0093]; tiney.co [EYS0097]; National Children's Bureau - A Better Start [EYS0100]; Federation of Small Businesses

[EYS0101]; Russell Group Students' Unions [EYS0105]; RAND Europe [EYS0110]; Early Years Voice [EYS0115]; The Natasha Allergy Research Foundation [EYS0118]; Junior Adventure's Group (JAG) [EYS0120]; Foundation Years Information & Research (FYIR) [EYS0103]; London Early Years Foundation (LEYF) [EYS0126]; Education Endowment Foundation [EYS154]; Maintained Nursery School [EYS0155]; Cathy Earley [EYS0158]

3. Historical Forced Adoption

Diana Defries, Chair, Movement for an Adoption Apology, Ann Lloyd Keen, Trustee, Movement for an Adoption Apology, Sally Ells, Co-Founder, Adult Adoptee Movement and Debbie Iromlou, Co-Founder, Adult Adoptee Movement gave oral evidence.

Josh MacAlister MP, Minister for Children and Families, Department for Education and Gila Sacks, Director General for Families, Department for Education gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 24 March at 9.15am.

Tuesday 17 March - 20 March

Helen Hayes (Chair), Mrs Sureena Brackenridge MP, Dr Caroline Johnson MP, Darren Paffey MP, Manuela Perteghella MP, Mark Sowards MP, Peter Swallow MP, Chris Vince MP and Caroline Voaden MP visited Estonia in connection with its inquiries into Early Years: Improving Support for Children and Families and The use of Artificial Intelligence and EdTech in Education, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 27 January 2026.

Tuesday 24 March 2026

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Jess Asato
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Darren Paffey
Manuela Perteghella
Mark Sowards
Peter Swallow
Chris Vince
Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Historical Forced Adoption

Draft Report, Historical Forced Adoption, proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 1713.

3. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Review of approach to consolidated academy financial reporting and audit

Correspondence with Susan Acland-Hood, Permanent Secretary dated 20 January 2026 and 24 March 2026

Historical Forced Adoption

Correspondence from Brenda Farrell, UK Director Fostering, Adoption & Children In Care, Barnados, dated 4 March 2026

Correspondence from Colonel Peter Forrest, Chief Secretary, The Salvation Army dated 5 and 12 March 2026

Government's reforms to technical and vocational qualifications for 16-19 year olds in England

Correspondence from The Rt Hon Baroness Jacqui Smith, Minister for Skills
dated 10 March 2026

Higher Education and Funding: Threat of Insolvency and International Students

Correspondence from Dan Tomlinson MP, Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury
dated 23 March 2026

Reading for Pleasure

The British Dyslexia Association [RFP0178]; University Early Literacy research group [RFP0180]; The reading agency [RFP0181]

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 24 March at 9.45am.

Tuesday 24 March 2026

The Committee met concurrently with the Work and Pensions Committee

Members present

Helen Hayes

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Sowards

Peter Swallow

Chris Vince

Caroline Voaden

Work and Pensions Committee members present

The following members of the Work and Pensions Committee were also present (Standing Order No. 137A): Debbie Abrahams, David Baines, Lee Barron, Johanna Baxter, Amanda Hack and Joy Morrissey.

Helen Hayes was called to the Chair (Standing Order No.137A (1)(d)).

1. Realising potential: Delivering the Child Poverty Strategy

The Committees considered this matter.

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health [CPS0009]; Impact on Urban Health [CPS007]; Baroness Ruth Lister [CPS0011]; Gingerbread [CPS0019]; National Education Union [CPS0024]; Just Fair [CPS0035]; One Parent Families Scotland [CPS0036]; The Food Foundation [CPS0037]; Action for Children [CPS0038]; UNICEF UK [CPS0041]; Dr Dave Hitchcock, Dr Heather Ellis, Dr Michael Lambert [CPS0042]; Save the Children UK [CPS0043]; The National Children's Bureau [CPS0049]; UK Women's Budget Group [CPS0051]; Nuffield Foundation [CPS0052]; Resolve Poverty [CPS0053]; Christians Against Poverty [CPS0054]; Runnymede Trust [CPS0055]; CPAG [CPS0058]; London Borough of Tower Hamlets [CPS0059]; The Children's Society [CPS0062]; Alder Hey Children's Charity [CPS0067]; UK Faculty of Public Health [CPS0070]; The Health Foundation [CPS0072]; Amnesty International UK [CPS0075]; Early Education and Childcare Coalition [CPS0079]; Changing Realities

[CPS0080]; Centre for Young Lives [CPS0081]; The Fraser Allander Institute [CPS0083]; Mental Health Foundation [CPS0084]; North East Child Poverty Commission [CPS0085]; The Salvation Army UK and Ireland [CPS0086]; Shelter [CPS0087]; StepChange Debt Charity [CPS0091]; Centre for Research in Social Policy [CPS0092]; 4in10 London's Child Poverty Network [CPS0095]; Poverty and Inequality Commission [CPS0097]; Department for Education and Department for Work and Pensions [CPS0100].

Dame Rachel de Souza DBE, Children's Commissioner for England gave oral evidence.

Resolved, That Debbie Abrahams take the Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the meeting.—(Johanna Baxter)

Thomas Cave, Head of Policy, Child Poverty Action Group, Laura Hutchinson, Head of Public Affairs, Citizens Advice, Priya Edwards, Head of Policy, Research & Influencing, Save the Children UK and Henry Parkes, Principal economist and head of quantitative research, Institute for Public Policy Research gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 14 April at 9.30am.

Tuesday 14 April 2026

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair
Jess Asato
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Darren Paffey
Manuela Perteghella
Mark Sowards
Peter Swallow
Chris Vince
Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Foundations of Learning: replacing RAAC and securing school buildings

Draft Special Report (Foundations of Learning: replacing RAAC and securing school buildings: Government Response to the Committee's Seventh report of session 2024–26), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Seventh Report from the Committee of Session 2024–26 was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Eighth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

3. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

School-Based Nurseries Programme Update

Correspondence from Olivia Bailey MP, Minister for Early Education and Minister for Equalities dated 23 March 2026

Publication of the Early Years Screen Time Advisory Group report and Government parent-facing advice

Correspondence from Olivia Bailey MP, Minister for Early Education and Minister for Equalities and Sharon Hodgson MP, Minister for Public Health and Prevention dated 26 March 2026

Changes to student loan interest rates for Academic Year 2026/27

Correspondence from The Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education dated 7 April 2026

Publication of the Children's Commissioner's Business Plan 2026-27

Correspondence from Dame Rachel de Souza, The Children's Commissioner dated 27 March 2026

Teacher recruitment and retention

Correspondence with Georgia Gould OBE MP, Minister for School Standards dated 9 April 2026

Higher Education and Funding: Threat of Insolvency and International Students

Correspondence from Dame Rachel de Souza, The Children's Commissioner dated 31 March 2026

Realising potential: Delivering the Child Poverty Strategy

Joint correspondence from Raj Jethwa, Chief Executive, UCEA and Vivienne Stern, Chief Executive, UUK dated 20 March 2026

The Right Reverend Martyn Snow (Bishop of Leicester at Church of England) [CPS0017]; Babyzone [CPS0025]; Dr Matt Barnes (Senior Lecturer in Sociology at City St Georges, University of London); Dr Haseeb Shabbir (Reader of Voluntary Sector Management at City St Georges, University of London) [CPS0040]; Royal Statistical Society [CPS0068]; Sustain: the alliance for better food and farming [CPS0093]; End Child Poverty Coalition, UK [CPS0101]; Trades Union Congress [CPS0103]; Teach First [CPS0111]

Reading for Pleasure

Anonymous [RFP0016]; Anonymous [RFP0021]; The Laurel Trust [RFP0032]; Schoolreaders [RFP0103]; Dr Kumar Aniket & Marie-Camille Grangier [RFP0160]; Anonymous [RFP0176]; Anonymous [RFP0015]

4. SEND White Paper

Margaret Mulholland, Head of SEND & Inclusion Policy at Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL), Daniel Kebede, General Secretary at National Education Union, Amanda Serjeant, Vice Chair of Children, Young People and Families Policy Committee at Local Government Association (LGA) and Jane Harris, CEO at Speech and Language UK gave oral evidence.

Kate Cox, Senior Solicitor at Independent Provider of Special Education Advice, Hayley Harding, Founder at Let Us learn Too, Ms Katie Ghose, CEO at Kids and Anna Bird, Chair at Disabled Children's Partnership, and CEO at Contact gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 15 April at 9.15am.

Wednesday 15 April 2026

The Committee met concurrently with the Work and Pensions Committee

Members present

Helen Hayes
Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Dr Caroline Johnson
Darren Paffey
Mark Swards
Peter Swallow
Chris Vince
Caroline Voaden

Work and Pensions Committee members present

The following members of the Work and Pensions Committee were also present (Standing Order No. 137A): Debbie Abrahams, David Baines, Johanna Baxter, Damien Egan, John Milne and Joy Morrissey.

Debbie Abrahams was called to the Chair (Standing Order No.137A (1)(d)).

1. Realising potential: Delivering the Child Poverty Strategy

The Committees considered this matter.

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

The Right Reverend Martyn Snow (Bishop of Leicester at Church of England) [CPS0017]; Babyzone [CPS0025]; Dr Matt Barnes (Senior Lecturer in Sociology at City St Georges, University of London), Dr Haseeb Shabbir (Reader of Voluntary Sector Management at City St Georges, University of London) [CPS0040]; Royal Statistical Society [CPS0068]; Sustain: the alliance for better food and farming [CPS0093]; End Child Poverty Coalition, UK [CPS0101]; Trades Union Congress [CPS0103]; Teach First [CPS0111]

Baroness Ruth Lister , Emeritus professor of social policy, Loughborough University; Edward McPherson, Senior Consultant, WPI Economics; Dr Matt Barnes, Senior Lecturer in Sociology, City St George's, University of London and Professor Ruth Patrick, Professor of Public and Social Policy, University of Glasgow, gave oral evidence.

Resolved, That Helen Hayes take the Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the meeting.—(Dr Caroline Johnson)

Alun Francis OBE, Chair of the Social Mobility Commission; Carl Cullinane, Director of Research and Policy, Sutton Trust and Daniel Lilley, Head of Youth at the Centre for Social Purpose of the Session research, Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR), gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 21 April at 9.30am.

Tuesday 24 April 2026

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Dr Caroline Johnson

Manuela Perteghella

Peter Swallow

Chris Vince

Caroline Voaden

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee visit Liverpool on 17 May 2026 in relation to its inquiry, Reading for Pleasure.

3. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Early deaths in care experienced young people

Correspondence from Josh MacAlister OBE MP, Minister for Children and Families dated 15 April 2026

Launch of consultation on proposals to update the School Food Standards

Correspondence from Olivia Bailey MP, Minister for Early Education and Minister for Equalities dated 10 April 2026

Withdrawal of Selected Cambridge OCR General Qualifications

Correspondence with Myles McGinley, Managing Director, OCR (Oxford, Cambridge and RSA) dated 20 April 2026

4. Weekend maintenance loans

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to weekend maintenance loans be reported to the House for publication:

Correspondence with Office for Students dated 21 April 2026.

Correspondence with Department for Education dated 21 April 2026.

Correspondence with NUS dated 21 April 2026.

Correspondence with Student Loan Company dated 21 April 2026.

Correspondence with Universities UK dated 21 April 2026.

5. Screen Time and Social Media

Ordered, That a representative from Snap Chat attend the Committee on Tuesday 28 April.

Alistair Law, Director of Public Policy for Northern Europe, TikTok, Rebecca Stimson, Director of Public Policy UK, Meta and Laura Higgins, Senior Director, Community Safety and Civility, Roblox gave oral evidence.

Professor Pete Etchells, Professor of Psychology and Science Communication, Bath Spa University, Professor Victoria Goodyear, Professor of Physical Activity, Health and Wellbeing, University of Birmingham and Professor Amy Orben, Research Professor at the MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences, University of Cambridge gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 28 April at 9.30am.

Tuesday 28 April 2026

Members present

Helen Hayes, in the Chair

Jess Asato

Mrs Sureena Brackenridge

Dr Caroline Johnson

Darren Paffey

Manuela Perteghella

Mark Swards

Peter Swallow

Chris Vince

Caroline Voaden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Higher Education and Funding: Threat of Insolvency and International Students

Draft Report, Higher Education and Funding: Threat of Insolvency and International Students, proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 807.

3. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Continuing provision of TPS and LGPS pensions in the higher education sector

Correspondence from Ben Thomas, Senior National Officer, Head of Higher Education, UNISON dated 21 April 2026

Historical Forced Adoption

Correspondence from The Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education dated 27 April 2026

The Government's SEND Consultation

Correspondence with Georgia Gould OBE MP, Minister for School Standards dated 28 April 2026

Estimates Memoranda

Main Estimate Memorandum 2026-27 from The Department for Education.

Main Estimate Memorandum 2026-27 from The Teachers' Pension Scheme.

Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2025-26 from The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted).

4. Screen Time and Social Media

The Committees considered this matter.

The following papers were reported to the House for publication:

Correspondence from Freddie Cook, Public Policy Manager, UK and Ireland at Snap Inc dated 27 April 2026

Esther Ghey, Founder and Director, Brianna Ghey Legacy Project, Andy Burrows, CEO, Molly Rose Foundation and Rani Govender, Associate Head of Policy and Public Affairs, NSPCC gave oral evidence.

Daniel Kebede, General Secretary, National Education Union, Sarah Hannafin, Head of Policy (Practice and Research), NAHT and Tom Middlehurst, Deputy Director of Policy, The Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL) gave oral evidence.

Jacqueline Beauchere, Senior Director, Global Head of Platform Safety, Snapchat gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 13 May at 2.30pm.

Appendix: Declarations of interest by members of the Committee and specialist advisers

Members of the Committee

Asato, Jess [Lowestoft]

2. [a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: George Bevis Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 for my election campaign funding Donor status: individual

[Registered 25 July 2024)

Name of donor: Francesca Sainsbury Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 for my election campaign funding Donor status: individual

[Registered 25 July 2024)

Name of donor: Gary Lubner Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 for my election campaign funding Donor status: individual

[Registered 25 July 2024)

Name of donor: USDAW Eastern Region Address of donor: The Anderson Centre, 6 Olding Road, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 3TA Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 Donor status: trade union

[Registered 26 July 2024)

Name of donor: Danny Luhde-Thomson and Cressida Pollock Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 for campaign funding Donor status: individual

[Registered 26 July 2024)

Name of donor: Unison Address of donor: 130 Euston Road, London NW1 2AY
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £7,000 for campaign
funding Donor status: trade union

[Registered 26 July 2024)

Name of donor: CWU Eastern region Address of donor: 13-17 Thorpe Road, Norwich
NR1 1AA Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,250 for
campaign funding Donor status: trade union

[Registered 26 July 2024)

Name of donor: Labour Together Limited Address of donor: Langley House Park
Road, East Finchley, London N2 8EY Amount of donation or nature and value if
donation in kind: £10,000 election campaign funding Donor status: company,
registration 09630980

[Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: Ann Cooke Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature
and value if donation in kind: £1,600 for campaign funding Donor status: individual

[Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: Political Lobbying & Media Relations Ltd Address of donor: 75
Westow Hill, London SE19 1TX Amount of donation or nature and value if donation
in kind: £2,355 Donor status: company, registration 05723942

[Registered 1 August 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Trustee of The Dartmouth Street Trust, which makes grants for the promotion of
studies in political, economic and social science and cognate educational subjects,
and for the promotion of education and dissemination of knowledge in such science
and subjects.

[Registered 30 September 2024)

Additional declarations made at first Committee Meeting [5 November 2024)

Member of GMB Union

Member of Unison

Member of Community Union

Former Head of Policy and Public Affairs at Barnardos [until date X, 2024)

Co-chair on APPG for Children

Fomer Governor for Jack Taylor special school 2004-2010

Parent to two children at state school TBC

Brackenridge, Mrs Sureena [Wolverhampton North East)

2. [a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Labour Together Limited Address of donor: Langley House Park Road, East Finchley, London N2 8EY Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 Donor status: company, registration 096309802024

[Registered 26 July 2024)

Name of donor: Gary Lubner Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £15,000 Donor status: individual

[Registered 26 July 2024)

2. [b) Any other support not included in Category 2[a)

Name of donor: CWU Address of donor: CWU Midlands Regional, 47 Summer Lane, Birmingham B19 3TH Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 Date received: 24 January 2024 Date accepted: 24 January 2024 Donor status: trade union

[Registered 26 July 2024)

Name of donor: Unite the Union Address of donor: Regional Office, 30 Jennens Road, Birmingham B7 4EH Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 Date received: 7 June 2024 Date accepted: 7 June 2024 Donor status: trade union

[Registered 26 July 2024)

Name of donor: Unison Address of donor: 24 Livery Street, Birmingham B3 2PA
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 Date received:
24 November 2023 Date accepted: 24 November 2023 Donor status: trade union

[Registered 26 July 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Former Deputy Headteacher Date interest ended: 7 July 2024

[Registered 19 July 2024)

Additional declarations made at first Committee Meeting [5 November 2024)

Member of Community Union

Worked for the Central learning partnership Trust across three schools in
Wolverhampton.

Cleverly, Sir James (Braintree)

2.(b) Any other support not included in Category 2(a)

Name of donor: Valary DTL Limited Address of donor: Delta by Marriott, c/o Valary
Man, Stratford Road, Warwick CV34 6RE Amount of donation or nature and value if
donation in kind: £10,000 to my leadership campaign Date received: 21 August 2024
Date accepted: 21 August 2024 Donor status: company, registration 13331829

(Registered 22 August 2024)

Name of donor: Mr Simon Chappell Address of donor: private Amount of donation or
nature and value if donation in kind: £25,000 for my Leadership Campaign Date
received: 19 August 2024 Date accepted: 19 August 2024 Donor status: individual

(Registered 22 August 2024; updated 17 September 2024)

Name of donor: Kamal Pankhania Address of donor: private Amount of donation or
nature and value if donation in kind: £15,000 for my Leadership Campaign Date
received: 16 August 2024 Date accepted: 16 August 2024 Donor status: individual

(Registered 22 August 2024)

Name of donor: Robert Kilgour Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 for my Leadership campaign Date received: 8 August 2024 Date accepted: 8 August 2024 Donor status: individual

(Registered 22 August 2024)

Name of donor: Lord Michael Hintze Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 for my Leadership Campaign Date received: 15 August 2024

Date accepted: 15 August 2024 Donor status: individual

(Registered 22 August 2024)

Name of donor: Professor Christopher Wood Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 for my Leadership Campaign Date received: 15 August 2024 Date accepted: 15 August 2024 Donor status: individual

(Registered 22 August 2024)

Name of donor: F T Estates Address of donor: 236 Hight Street London E15 2JA Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Support for campaigning activities, value £11,000 Date received: 30 July 2024 Date accepted: 30 July 2024 Donor status: company, registration 09556732

(Registered 27 August 2024)

Name of donor: FT Estates Address of donor: 236 High Street, London E15 2JA Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Use of desk space within office. approx, value £10,000 Date received: 5 August 2024 to 13 September 2024 Date accepted: 5 August 2024 Donor status: company, registration 09556732

(Registered 28 August 2024; updated 17 September 2024)

Name of donor: Mr Ken Costa Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 support for James Cleverly Leadership Campaign Date received: 4 September 2024 Date accepted: 4 September 2024 Donor status: individual

(Registered 17 September 2024)

Name of donor: Mr Laurence Geller Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 support for James Cleverly leadership campaign Date received: 30 August 2024 Date accepted: 30 August 2024 Donor status: individual

(Registered 17 September 2024)

Name of donor: IPGL Limited Address of donor: 3rd Floor, 39 Sloane Street, Knightsbridge, London SW1X 9LP Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 support for James Cleverly Leadership Campaign Date received: 12 September 2024 Date accepted: 12 September 2024 Donor status: company, registration 2011009

(Registered 17 September 2024)

Name of donor: Mr Andrew Law Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 support for James Cleverly Leadership campaign Date received: 5 September 2024 Date accepted: 5 September 2024 Donor status: individual

(Registered 17 September 2024)

Name of donor: FT Estates Address of donor: 236 High Street, London E15 2JA Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £19,000 support for James Cleverly Leadership campaign Date received: 2 September 2024 Date accepted: 2 September 2024 Donor status: company, registration 9556732

(Registered 17 September 2024)

Name of donor: Mr Christopher Wood Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 support for James Cleverly leadership campaign Date received: 3 October 2024 Date accepted: 3 October 2024 Donor status: individual

(Registered 9 October 2024)

Name of donor: Mr Laurence Geller Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 support for James Cleverly leadership campaign Date received: 4 October 2024 Date accepted: 4 October 2024 Donor status: individual

(Registered 9 October 2024)

Name of donor: Mr Michael Tobin Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000 support for the James Cleverly leadership Campaign Date received: 4 October 2024 Date accepted: 4 October 2024 Donor status: individual

(Registered 9 October 2024)

Name of donor: Mr Andrew Dawber Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £15,000 support for James Cleverly leadership campaign Date received: 3 October 2024 Date accepted: 3 October 2024 Donor status: individual

(Registered 9 October 2024)

Name of donor: Mr Oliver Pawle Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000 support for James Cleverly leadership campaign Date received: 7 October 2024 Date accepted: 7 October 2024 Donor status: individual

(Registered 9 October 2024)

Name of donor: Phelan and Partners Address of donor: Harper Sheldon Midway House, Staverton Technology Park, Herrick Way, Staverton GL51 6TQ Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 support for the James Cleverly leadership campaign Date received: 18 September 2024 Date accepted: 18 September 2024 Donor status: company, registration 10340024

(Registered 9 October 2024)

Name of donor: FT Estates Address of donor: 236 High Street, London E15 2JA Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £20,000 support for James Cleverly leadership campaign Date received: 27 September 2024 Date accepted: 27 September 2024 Donor status: company, registration 9556732

(Registered 9 October 2024)

Name of donor: Collective Consulting Ltd Address of donor: Reedham House, 31 King Street, Manchester M3 2PJ Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 support for James Cleverly leadership campaign Date received: 16 September 2024 Date accepted: 16 September 2024 Donor status: company, registration 7578118

(Registered 9 October 2024)

Name of donor: Mr Michael Tobin Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000 support for the James Cleverly leadership campaign Date received: 23 September 2024 Date accepted: 23 September 2024 Donor status: individual

(Registered 9 October 2024)

Name of donor: Mr Robert Gilgour Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 support for James Cleverly leadership campaign Date received: 24 September 2024 Date accepted: 24 September 2024 Donor status: individual

(Registered 9 October 2024)

Name of donor: Mr Simon Chappell Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £20,000 support for James Cleverly leadership campaign Date received: 3 October 2024 Date accepted: 3 October 2024 Donor status: individual

(Registered 9 October 2024)

Name of donor: Floweida Ltd Address of donor: Beighton Business Centre, 52A High Street, Beighton, Sheffield S20 1ED Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 support for the James Cleverly leadership campaign Date received: 19 September 2024 Date accepted: 19 September 2024 Donor status: company, registration 2463564

(Registered 9 October 2024)

Name of donor: Bestway wholesale Address of donor: 2 Abbey Road, London NW10 7BW Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,500 support for James Cleverly leadership Campaign Date received: 25 September 2024 Date accepted: 25 September 2024 Donor status: company, registration 1207120

(Registered 9 October 2024)

Name of donor: Mr Glen Manchester Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £15,000 support for my leadership Campaign Date received: 8 October 2024 Date accepted: 8 October 2024 Donor status: individual

(Registered 4 November 2024)

Name of donor: Mr Malik Karim Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £25,000 support for my leadership campaign Date received: 7 October 2024 Date accepted: 7 October 2024 Donor status: individual

(Registered 4 November 2024)

Name of donor: Dr Anwara Ali Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 support for the James Cleverly Leadership Campaign Date received: 8 October 2024 Date accepted: 8 October 2024 Donor status: individual

(Registered 5 November 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Officer in the Reserve Forces. I have received no payments since my election.

(Registered 4 June 2016; updated 27 October 2016)

Hayes, Helen [Dulwich and West Norwood]

2. [a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Jesse Armstrong Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 Donor status: individual

[Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Lesley O'Mara Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 Donor status: individual

[Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Ruth Driscoll Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 Donor status: individual

[Registered 31 July 2024)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Yachad Address of donor: Star House 104-108 Grafton Road NW5 4BA. Estimate of the probable value [or amount of any donation]: Hotels (£717), insurance (£432), transport (£108), food (£307), speaker fees/meeting room costs (£213) and flights (£661), value £2,438

Destination of visit: Israel and Palestine [Occupied Palestinian Territories]

Dates of visit: 14 February 2024 to 18 February 2024

Purpose of visit: Cross-party delegation to meet with civilians affected by the ongoing war, NGOs, peace activists, and official spokespeople.

[Registered 22 February 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Additional declarations made at first Committee Meeting [5 November 2024)

Vice President of the Local Government Association. This is an unpaid role.

[Registered 9 March 2023)

Additional declarations made at first Committee Meeting [5 November 2024)

Member of GMB union

Parent to two children: one in state secondary school and one at university.

Johnson, Dr Caroline [Sleaford and North Hykeham)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Consultant paediatrician Payer: North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust, Peterborough City Hospital, Bretton Gate, Bretton, PE3 9GZ

Additional information: I am employed on a flexible contract.

[Registered 9 January 2017; updated 27 April 2017, 6 July 2017, 13 March 2020, 16 November 2021, 21 June 2022, 7 October 2022 and 26 October 2023)

Remuneration: £23,776.80 a year My pay has increased from £22,471.20 to £23,776.80. The first date an increased amount was received was in the pay slip of 24 May 2024.

From: 25 September 2023.

Hours: 336 hrs a year

[Registered 26 October 2023)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: London Marathon Events Limited

Address of donor: Marathon House, 190 Great Dover Street, London SE1 4YB

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Hospitality at the start and finish of the Marathon (£350 per person) for me and a friend who is also a constituent and was running for the same charity as me, value £700

Date received: 21 April 2024

Date accepted: 21 April 2024

Donor status: company, registration 01528489

[Registered 9 May 2024; updated 28 May 2024)

6. Land and property portfolio with a value over £100,000 and where indicated, the portfolio provides a rental income of over £10,000 a year

Type of land/property: Residential property [house)

Number of properties: 1 Location: Lincolnshire

Ownership details: Owned jointly with my husband

[Registered 9 January 2017)

Martin, Amanda [Portsmouth North)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: NAHT MAT Engagement Officer Until: 4 July 2024.

Payer: National Association Head Teachers [Education Trade Union), NAHT HQ Millbank Tower, London SW1P 4QP

[Registered 10 July 2024)

Payment: £165.18 Employment Expenses paid covering the months of January to June from the months Received on: 19 July 2024.

Hours: no additional hours since my election.

[Registered 30 July 2024)

Payment: £1,473.56 final salary payment

Received on: 24 July 2024.

Hours: none since my election.

[Registered 30 July 2024)

Payment: £1,103.44 Expenses paid from January to June 2024

Received on: 26 July 2024.

Hours: none since my election.

[Registered 30 July 2024)

2. [a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Unite Address of donor: 128 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8TN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: trade union

[Registered 31 July 2024)

2. [b) Any other support not included in Category 2[a)

Name of donor: Abdul Satter Shere-Mohammod

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 521

Date received: 13 June 2024

Date accepted: 13 June 2024

Donor status: individual

[Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Phyllis Rapsom

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000

Date received: 8 March 2024

Date accepted: 8 July 2024

Donor status: individual

[Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Phyllis Rapsom

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000

Date received: 6 June 2024

Date accepted: 6 June 2024

Donor status: individual

[Registered 31 August 2024)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: HM Government of Gibraltar

Address of donor: Gibraltar House, 150 The Strand, London WC2R 1JA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Three nights' accommodation during Labour Party Conference. Shared with another MP, value £1,500

Date received: 22 September 2024 to 25 September 2024

Date accepted: 22 September 2024

Donor status: other

[Registered 16 October 2024)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: HM Government of Gibraltar

Address of donor: Gibraltar House, 150 The Strand, London, WC2R 1JA

Estimate of the probable value [or amount of any donation]: Flights [£710), accommodation for 2 nights [£400) and meals [£250), value £1,360

Destination of visit: Gibraltar

Dates of visit: 8 September 2024 to 10 September 2024

Purpose of visit: National Day visit to Gibraltar as a guest of HM Government of Gibraltar, in my capacity as the Chair of AAPG Gibraltar.

[Registered 1 October 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Trustee treasurer of Loaves of Love [a constituted community group). This is an unpaid role.

[Registered 10 July 2024)

Member of Portsmouth Supporters Trust Board. This is an unpaid role.

[Registered 10 July 2024)

Trustee of STEMunity. This is an unpaid role.

[Registered 10 July 2024)

Trustee National Education Museum. This is an unpaid role.

[Registered 12 July 2024)

Platform Portsmouth Founding Member. This is an unpaid role.

[Registered 17 July 2024)

Trustee of the Lucy Lund Fund, a charity for people who require rest or a holiday and who are in need of financial assistance. This is an unpaid role.

[Registered 17 July 2024)

Additional declarations made at first Committee Meeting [5 November 2024)

Former President of the NEU

Former Governor for three schools

Former employee at NAHT

Paffey, Darren [Southampton Itchen)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Employee

Until: 4 July 2024.

Payer: University of Southampton [Higher Education),

University Road, Southampton SO17 1BJ

[Registered 29 July 2024)

Remuneration: £3,037.37 a month Until: 4 July 2024.

Hours: 37.5 hrs a week Final payment of salary

[Registered 29 July 2024)

2. [a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Andy Lubner

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: individual

[Registered 25 July 2024)

Name of donor: UNISON

Address of donor: UNISON Centre, 130 Euston Road, London NW1 2AY

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £6,885

Donor status: trade union

[Registered 26 July 2024)

Name of donor: Arden Strategies

Address of donor: Thomas House, 84 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1PX

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Payment of restaurant costs for fundraising dinner shared between myself and two other candidates, value £2,320.85 Donor status: company, registration SC517100

[Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: Communication Workers Union [CWU) Address of donor: South Central Branch, 285 Chamberlayne Road, Eastleigh SO50 5HX Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,500 Donor status: trade union

[Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Michael Steel

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Office accommodation support from March-July 2024 shared with another candidate and Southampton Labour Councillors Group, value £4,000

Donor status: individual

[Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Communication Workers' Union

Address of donor: South East Region, 1 Denville Close, Farlington, Portsmouth PO6 1AE

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000

Donor status: trade union

[Registered 13 August 2024)

2. [b) Any other support not included in Category 2[a)

Name of donor: Gillian Green

Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Date received: 30 October 2023

Date accepted: 30 October 2023

Donor status: individual

[Registered 25 July 2024)

Additional declarations made at first Committee Meeting [5 November 2024)

Former univeristy lecturer

Partner works as a secondary school teacher at TBC.

Member of the University and Colleges Union

Vice-Chair of the Modern languages APPG

Member of the the Universities APPG

Former cabinet member for Southampton City Council with responsibilty for education and social care

Paul, Rebecca (Reigate)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: County Councillor

Payer: Surrey County Council, Woodhatch Place, 11 Cockshot Hill, Reigate RH2 8EF

(Registered 23 July 2024)

Remuneration: £1,200.83 a month

Hours: 32 hrs a month

(Registered 25 July 2024; updated 23 May 2025)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Taiwanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Address of donor: 2 Ketagalan Blvd, Zhongzheng District, Taipei City 100202, Taiwan

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights and transportation (£4,587), accommodation (£885) and hospitality (£335), value £5,807

Destination of visit: Taiwan

Dates of visit: 27 September 2025 to 3 October 2025

Purpose of visit: Travelled to Taiwan as part of a parliamentary delegation with focus on business and trade.

(Registered 13 October 2025)

8. Miscellaneous

Partnership share in Addidi LLP. The partnership holds investments in private business. (The shares are below the threshold for registration under Category 7.)

(Registered 23 September 2025)

Perteghella, Manuela [Stratford-on-Avon]

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Associate Lecturer Until: 23 August 2024.

Payer: The Open University [University, higher education institution], Walton Hall, Milton Keynes MK7 6AA 661

[Registered 1 August 2024]

Remuneration: £418.54 a month

From: 23 July 2024. Until: 23 August 2024.

Hours: 8 hrs a week FT 0.115

[Registered 1 August 2024)

Payment: £310.53 final pay

Received on: 23 August 2024.

Hours: 16 hrs approximate.

[Registered 30 August 2024)

Role, work or services: District Councillor

Payer: Stratford-on-Avon District Council [local authority], Elizabeth House Church Street Stratford upon Avon CV37 6HX

[Registered 1 August 2024)

Remuneration: £561.75 a month I have asked that my allowance is stopped from 1 August 2024. Until: 1 August 2024.

Hours: 20 hrs a week this is an approximate figure

Additional information: 10% tithe of this allowance goes to my local Liberal Democrat party

[Registered 1 August 2024)

Role, work or services: Director and employee Until: 8 July 2024.

Payer: Environmental Policy Consulting [consultancy on environmental policy), 29 Wood Street, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Warwickshire CV37 6JG

Additional information: I stood down as a director on 5 July 2024

[Registered 1 August 2024)

Remuneration: £881.33 a month this is the final payment.

Until: 8 July 2024.

Hours: 16 hrs a week estimated number of hours

[Registered 1 August 2024)

2. [a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Mark Petterson

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000 support for General election campaign

Donor status: individual

[Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Jerry Evans

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000 support for the General Election campaign

Donor status: individual

[Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: DJ Renney

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,200 support General election campaign Donor status: individual

[Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Mark Petterson

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500 support for the General Election campaign

Donor status: individual

[Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Elizabeth Coles

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000 for my General election campaign

Donor status: individual

[Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: DJ Renney

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000 support for the General Election Campaign

Donor status: individual

[Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Jerry Evans

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000 to support General Election Campaign

Donor status: individual

[Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Elizabeth Coles

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 general election campaign

Donor status: individual

[Registered 1 August 2024) 663

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: UK Theatre

Address of donor: 32 Rose Street, London WC2E 9ET

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets to the UK Theatre Awards (£160 per ticket) with hospitality., value £320

Date received: 20 October 2024 Date accepted: 20 October 2024

Donor status: company, registration 323204

[Registered 28 October 2024)

7. [i) Shareholdings: over 15% of issued share capital

Name of company or organisation: Environmental Policy Consulting

Nature of business: consultancy on environmental issues Held jointly with or on behalf of: jointly with my husband Interest held: until 5 July 2004

[Registered 1 August 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Member of University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. This is an unpaid role.

[Registered 1 August 2024)

Member of executive group, Stratford upon Avon and South Warwickshire Liberal Democrats.

[Registered 1 August 2024)

Trustee, 1st Welford on Avon Scout Group. This is an unpaid role.

[Registered 1 August 2024)

Director Arts Rising Collective Community Interest Company, Stratford upon Avon. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest ended: 19 July 2024

[Registered 1 August 2024)

Additional declarations made at first Committee Meeting [5 November 2024)

Former university lecturer at London Metropolitan University

Former principal tutor at the University of Warwick

Former contributing artist and researcher at King's College London

Former associate lecturer for the Open University

Member of the APPG for Modern Languages

Member of the APPG for SEND

Former school Governor

Parent to three children: one at university, one at secondary school and one at primary school.

Sewards, Mark [Leeds South West and Morley)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Councillor

Payer: Leeds City Council, Calverley Street, Leeds LS1 1UR

[Registered 29 July 2024)

Remuneration: £1,783.54 a month

Until: 5 July 2024.

Hours: 40 hrs a week

[Registered 30 July 2024)

2. [a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Gary Lubner

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £15,000 campaigning activities Donor status: individual

[Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: Unite the Union

Address of donor: Unite House, 128 Theobalds Road, Holborn, London WC1X 8TN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 for campaigning

Donor status: trade union

[Registered 30 July 2024)

Name of donor: Labour Together Limited

Address of donor: Langley House Park Road, East Finchley, London N2 8EY

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 campaigning activities Donor status: company, registration 09630980

[Registered 30 July 2024)

Name of donor: Julia McNeal

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500 campaigning activities Donor status: individual

[Registered 2 August 2024)

Additional declarations made at first Committee Meeting [5 November 2024)

Member of GMB

Member of UNISON

Former maths teacher [until February 2024)

Former member of NASWUT

Spencer, Patrick [Central Suffolk and North Ipswich)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Senior Fellow

Until: 5 July 2024.

Payer: Centre for Social Justice [Think Tank], Kings Building, Smith Square, SW1P 3HQ

[Registered 2 August 2024)

2. [b) Any other support not included in Category 2[a)

Name of donor: Lord Michael Hintze

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500

Date received: 11 June 2024

Date accepted: 11 June 2024

Donor status: individual

[Registered 17 July 2024)

Name of donor: James Stewart Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Date received: 10 June 2024

Date accepted: 10 June 2024

Donor status: individual

[Registered 17 July 2024)

Name of donor: James Mellon Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000

Date received: 17 June 2024

Date accepted: 17 June 2024

Donor status: individual

[Registered 17 July 2024)

Name of donor: Rupert James Matthews

Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 for the purpose of campaigning during the General Election.

Date received: 14 June 2024

Date accepted: 14 June 2024

Donor status: individual

[Registered 17 July 2024)

6. Land and property portfolio with a value over £100,000 and where indicated, the portfolio provides a rental income of over £10,000 a year

Type of land/property: Residential property [House)

Number of properties: 1

Location: London

[Registered 11 July 2024)

Type of land/property: Residential property [House)

Number of properties: 1

Location: Suffolk

Rental income: Yes

[Registered 17 July 2024)

7. [i) Shareholdings: over 15% of issued share capital

Name of company or organisation: Suffolk Ventures Limited

Nature of business: The company was set up to manage the marketing and rental income associated with property in Suffolk.

[Registered 11 July 2024)

7. [ii) Other shareholdings, valued at more than £70,000

Name of company or organisation: IPGL Nature of business: Investment holdings company

[Registered 11 July 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Governor, Hollesley Waldringfield Partnership. This is an unpaid role.

[Registered 17 July 2024)

Unpaid Director, Suffolk Ventures Limited.

[Registered 22 July 2024)

Unpaid Director, Blue WV Limited.

[Registered 22 July 2024)

Additional declarations made at first Committee Meeting [5 November 2024)

Partner was a primary school teacher

Former employee for the DfE until March 2023

Swallow, Peter (Bracknell)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Armed Forces Parliamentary Trust

Address of donor: Houses of Parliament, London SW1A 0AA

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, value £799.82

Destination of visit: Brunei

Dates of visit: 25 May 2025 to 29 May 2025

Purpose of visit: To undertake a visit as part of my participation in the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme.

(Registered 15 October 2025)

10. Family members engaged in lobbying the public sector on behalf of a third party or client

Name: Rishi Patel

Relationship: Partner

Role: Programme Officer

Name of employer: Gates Foundation

(Registered 22 July 2024; updated 28 April 2025)

Chair of the APPG for Schools, Learning and Assessment, whose secretariat is the NEU

Chair of the APPG for Classics, whose secretariat is the Classical Association

Chair of the APPG for Social Mobility, whose secretariat is the Sutton Trust

Tidball, Dr Marie [Penistone and Stocksbridge)

2. [a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Labour Together Limited

Address of donor: Langley House Park Road, East Finchley, London N2 8EY

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: company, registration 09630980

[Registered 23 July 2024)

Name of donor: Political Lobbying and Media Relations Limited

Address of donor: Chandler & Georges, 75 Weston Hill, London SE19 1TX

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £7,500

Donor status: company, registration 05723942

[Registered 30 July 2024)

Name of donor: Unison General Fund

Address of donor: 130 Euston Road, London NW1 2AY

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,500

Donor status: trade union

[Registered 30 July 2024)

Name of donor: Gary Lubner

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £15,000

Donor status: individual

[Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Community Union

Address of donor: 465c Caledonian Road, London N7 9GX

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000

Donor status: trade union

[Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Derek John Webb

Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000

Donor status: individual

[Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Community Union

Address of donor: 465c Caledonian Road, London N7 9GX

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Campaign support, value £3,300

Donor status: trade union

[Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Professor Matthew Oakshott

Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: individual

[Registered 31 July 2024)

Additional declarations made at first Committee Meeting [5 November 2024)

Fomer Governor at a nursery school

Former director and coordiantor of the Oxford University disabilty law and policy project

Chair on the Autism APPG

Member of GMB

Member of UNISON

Member of Community union

Parent to one child at state school

Vince, Chris (Harlow)

8. Miscellaneous

Member of NEC of the Cooperative Party. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 10 July 2024)

Trustee of Razed Roof an Inclusive theatre company. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest arose: 5 July 2024

(Registered 10 July 2024)

Regional Executive Committee Member of Eastern Region Labour Party. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest arose: 5 July 2024

Date interest ended: 26 January 2025

(Registered 15 July 2024; updated 26 February 2025)

Trustee of Youth Concern Trust. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest arose: 19 August 2024

(Registered 30 August 2024)

Voaden, Caroline [South Devon]

2. [a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Lucy Nethsingha

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £6,000

Donor status: individual

[Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: Lucy Nethsingha

Address of donor: private 892

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,800

Donor status: individual

[Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: Nicola Rajska

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000

Donor status: individual

[Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Robert Mulder

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,200

Donor status: individual

[Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Geetie Singh-Watson

Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500

Donor status: individual

[Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Henry Wainwright

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: individual

[Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: John McKay

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Donor status: individual

[Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Sheila Ritchie

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,009

Donor status: individual

[Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Dinesh Dhamija

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: individual

[Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Matthew Oakeshott

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Donor status: individual

[Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Michael Nicholson

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: individual

[Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Lucy Nethsingha

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Donor status: individual

[Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Tiffany Nieuwoud

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Donor status: individual

[Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Nicola Rajska

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Donor status: individual

[Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Johan Van As

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Donor status: individual

[Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Robert Mulder

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £600

Donor status: individual

[Registered 4 August 2024)

Name of donor: Totnes Liberal Club

Address of donor: 43 Fore Street, Totnes TQ9 5HN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000

Donor status: trust [TLC is a Trust, raising funds for political campaigning activities of the South Hams Liberal Democratic Party)

[Registered 4 August 2024) 894

2. [b) Any other support not included in Category 2[a)

Name of donor: Robert Mulder

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £600

Date received: 28 May 2024

Date accepted: 28 May 2024

Donor status: individual

[Registered 4 August 2024)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: National Liberal Club

Address of donor: 1 Whitehall Place London SW1A 2HE

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Complimentary membership, value £1,552.86

Date received: 8 July 2024 to 31 December 2025

Date accepted: 4 August 2024

Donor status: unincorporated association

[Registered 4 August 2024)

Additional declarations made at first Committee Meeting [5 November 2024)

Former School Governor