



EXTRAORDINARY PARTNERIAETH JOINT COMMITTEE

FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 2024

Virtual Meeting : 10:00 am - 10:43 am

CHAIR: Councillor Glynog Davies - Cabinet Member for Education & Welsh Language
(Carmarthenshire County Council) (voting member)

Voting Members	
Councillor Robert Smith	Cabinet Member for Education and Learning (Swansea County Council)
Councillor Paul Miller (Sub)	Deputy Leader (Pembrokeshire County Council)
Chief Executives	
Mr Martin Nicholls	Lead Chief Executive (Swansea County Council)
Directors of Education	
Mr Gareth Morgans	Carmarthenshire County Council (Deputy Lead Director)
Ms Helen Morgan-Rees	Swansea City and County Council (Lead Director)
Officers	
Mr Jonathan Haswell	Partneriaeth S151 Officer (Director of Resources, Pembrokeshire County Council)
Ms Linda Rees Jones	Monitoring Officer (Carmarthenshire County Council)
Mrs Sarah Edwards	Deputy S151 Officer (Pembrokeshire County Council)
Mrs Michelle Evans-Thomas	Carmarthenshire County Council (Democratic Services, note taker)
Mrs Siwan Rees	Carmarthenshire County Council (Translation)
Miss Rachel Morris	Carmarthenshire County Council (Webcasting)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Guy Woodham (Pembrokeshire County Council), William Bramble (Chief Executive, Pembrokeshire County Council), Wendy Walters (Chief Executive, Carmarthenshire County Council), Councillor David Simpson (Leader, Pembrokeshire County Council), Councillor

Darren Price (Leader, Carmarthenshire County Council) and Councillor Rob Stewart (Leader of Swansea Council).

The Chair asked that the Joint Committee's best wishes be passed on to Councillor Woodham for a speedy recovery following his recent period of ill health.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT BY REASONS OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE CHAIR DECIDES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY PURSUANT OF SECTION 100B (4)(B) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

The Chair advised that there were no other items of business that should be considered as a matter of urgency.

4. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as the reports contained exempt information as defined in paragraph 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

5. REVIEW OF FUNCTIONS AND STAFFING WITHIN PARTNERIAETH

Following the application of the public interest test it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Act referred to in Minute 4 above, to consider this matter in private, with the public excluded from the meeting as the public interest in maintaining the above exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information contained in this report as applicants would have a reasonable expectation that their personal information would not be disclosed to the public. There was no overriding public interest in such information being disclosed.

The Joint Committee considered a report outlining future collaboration arrangements for school improvement within Partneriaeth and detailing a proposal for consultation on a future staffing structure at reduced cost to make the most efficient and effective use of resources in order that the current and emerging needs of schools and their learners are met.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- 4.1 that staff consultation be commenced with Partneriaeth staff on a new staffing structure as soon as practical, to be undertaken by the Strategic Group comprising the three Directors of Education and Lead Officer of Partneriaeth;**

- 4.2 that the FY2024-2025 budget be based on 5/12 cost of current staffing and 7/12 cost of new structure, post consultation.**

CHAIR

DATE