EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 24th SEPTEMBER 2015

Provisional Examination and Teacher Assessment Results and provisional school attendance data

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- Foundation Stage Teacher Assessment Results
- Key Stage 2 Teacher Assessment Results
- Key Stage 3 Teacher Assessment Results
- 2015 GCSE Results- Level 1, Level 2, Level 2i
- 2015 A Level Results
- Primary and Secondary Schools Attendance rates
- Literacy and Numeracy 2015 Test Results

Reasons:

Education & Children

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- To enable the Committee to consider the provisional Examination and Teacher Assessment Results and provisional school attendance data.
- To enable members to exercise their scrutiny role in relation to monitoring performance.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: NO

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder: Cllr. Gareth Jones (Education & Children)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Officers usually present a finalised and verified performance data report to members and other stakeholders as part of the January Annual Performance Report.
Following comments from members in respect of scrutinising performance data earlier in the school year, it was agreed to present data in the September scrutiny committee neeting with the health warning that some data will be unverified.
Officers will present the data and outline priorities and actions to respond to identified challenges at the meeting.

In addition the attached report will include some narrative on performance, comparisons with national and regional performance and possible areas to develop.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES





IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed:	Gareth Morga	ns Chief	Chief Education Officer			
Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	YES	NONE

3. Finance

It is imperative that we maintain and improve attainment outcomes to ensure that Carmarthenshire's learners have the best start in life. At a time of reduced funding the County Council needs to consider protecting our contribution to the regional school improvement service (which is charged with improving school performance and securing improved outcomes for all learners) and the budgets of Local Authority services which support Carmarthenshire's most vulnerable learners (LAC, SEN, ALN, EAL, Travellers, Sensory impaired etc). Without the support from these services we will not be able to ensure further improvement in standards.

The Council also needs to consider the impact of reducing school budgets on the raising standards and improving schools agendas. A high % of a school's budget is spent on teaching and support staff and inevitably a reduced budget will results in redundancies and less support for our learners.

6. Staffing Implications

The current Education EVR budget is under considerable pressure with a substantial forecasted overspend for 2015/16. When school budgets are reduced this will result in redundancies which will place even greater pressure on this budget, Education and HR officers are working on a revised policy to try an address this challenge.



CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: Gareth Morgans Chief Education Officer

- 1. Local Member(s) N/A
- 2. Community / Town Council N/A
- 3. Relevant Partners N/A
- 4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection