

Education and Children Scrutiny Committee

Date: 25.01.2018

Subject: Carmarthenshire 11-19 Curriculum Review Update

Purpose: To update the Scrutiny Committee on the progress made in implementing the actions of the Carmarthenshire 11-19 Curriculum Review

To consider and comment on the following issues:

The progress made against the identified actions emanating from the 2016 Carmarthenshire 11-19 Curriculum Review

For the committee's information

To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: NO

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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Purpose: To enable the Scrutiny Committee to consider the progress made in implementing the actions of the Carmarthenshire 11-19 Curriculum Review

The Carmarthenshire 11-19 Curriculum Review was prepared during the 2015-2016 academic year following extensive consultation with staff within the local authority, secondary schools, Coleg Sir Gâr and a range of external organisations including the Welsh Government.

Following consultation, the Carmarthenshire 11-19 Curriculum Review was considered by the Education and Children Scrutiny Committee on 17th June 2016 and approved by the Executive Board on 17th October 2017. The Review was also the subject of a seminar for all elected members held on 1st November 2017.

Following approval of the review, officers have been progressing a range of actions linked to the recommendations within the document. The action plan updates members on the related work that has been taking place in the period following approval of the plan in 2016.

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: J Aeron Rees

Head of Curriculum & Well-being

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE

3. FINANCE

The implementation of these recommendations depends upon a range of Welsh Government funding sources including the County Council's Revenue Support Grant, the Education Improvement Grant (administered via ERW), the Post 16 Planning and Funding System and the Youth Support Grant. Reduction in core departmental grant allocations and/or specific Welsh Government grants will mean that the Department for Education and Children will be unable to deliver some or all of the identified actions of the 11-19 Review.

The Cynnydd and Cam Nesa Projects are funded by the European Social Fund, currently to 2020. Given the UK's impending exit from the EU, the future of additional funding for programmes to reduce the number of young people who are not in employment, education and training (NEET) is unknown.

4. ICT

One of the recommendations of the 11-19 Curriculum Review focusses upon the use of blended learning methodologies to deliver A level courses to small groups. The initial pilot for this delivery using the Welsh Government's Hwb platform has been positive. Extending this work will require dedicated IT support and systems in all schools that are mutually compatible and that enable cross-county connectivity.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: J Aeron Rees

Head of Curriculum and Well-being

1. Local Member(s)

Elected members were consulted on these plans at the ECS Scrutiny meeting held on 17th June 2016 and at a seminar for elected members held on 1st November 2017.

2. Community / Town Council

N/A

3. Relevant Partners

Secondary school management teams and associated governing boards, Coleg Sir Gar managers and local training providers were consulted on these plans.

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:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Carmarthenshire 11-19 Curriculum Review	n/a	http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s9218/Report%201%20-%2011%20-%2019%20ENGLISH.pdf http://democratiaeth.sirgar.llyw.cymru/documents/s9218/Adroddiad%201%20-%2011%20-%2019.pdf?LLL=1