

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

March 21st 2018

DIGITAL SCHOOLS STRATEGY 2018-2021

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To approve the content of the Digital Schools Strategy 2018-2021

Reasons:

A Digital Schools Strategy is required that clearly outlines where we intend to take the ICT provision within Schools over the coming years to ensure that schools have the appropriate technology to deliver Welsh Governments Digital Competence Framework.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: YES

Council Decision

No

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- **Cllr Mair Stephens**

Directorate : Chief Executives

Name of Head of Service:

Noelwyn Daniel

Author : Gareth Jones

Designation: Head of ICT

Designation : Digital Business Transformation Manager

Tel No : 01267 246270

Email Address:
NDaniel@sirgar.gov.uk

Tel No : 01267 246350

Email Address:
garethjones@sirgar.gov.uk

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
March 21st 2018

DIGITAL SCHOOLS STRATEGY 2018-2021

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

Carmarthenshire's ICT Services Division provides extensive support and services to all schools across the Authority. This will be the 1st ever Digital Schools Strategy for Carmarthenshire that sets out our vision, underpinned by overarching principles and key priorities areas for the provision of ICT Services to Schools.

The schools' use of technology promotes innovative learning by digitally confident students, inspired by skilled and creative teaching. This three year Digital Schools Strategy outlines where we intend to take the ICT provision within schools over the coming years, to ensure that schools have the appropriate technology to deliver the Digital Competence Framework.

The Strategy provides clarity on :

Why we need a Digital Schools Strategy

Our digital vision for Carmarthenshire Schools

Our Overarching principles for delivering the Strategy

Carmarthenshire Schools Digital Estate

Key Priority Areas

HWB First

Security of data & Online Services

Efficient & Effective Networks

Digital Schools & Classrooms

Key Projects to be delivered

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: Signed: Noelwyn Daniel Head of ICT

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	NONE	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO	No

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The Digital Schools Strategy is aligned to delivering key outcomes of the Corporate Strategy and the Authorities Future Generations Well Being Plan. It will enable schools to deliver against the Digital Competence Framework. Embedded within the action plans for delivering the key projects are the five sustainable development principles.

Finance

Funding has been identified to assist in delivering the Key Projects within the Digital Schools Strategy. These are highlighted in the Digital Technology Strategy.

ICT

There will be a significant impact on ICT resource to deliver the key priorities identified within the Digital Schools Strategy. The ICT Service has re-aligned to ensure it can deliver these projects.

Risk Management Issues

All risks associated with the delivery of the projects within the Digital Schools Strategy will be managed by the Project Managers.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Noelwyn Daniel Head of ICT

- 1. Scrutiny Committee – N/A**
- 2. Local Member(s) – N/A**
- 3. Community / Town Council – N/A**
- 4. Relevant Partners – N/A**
- 5. 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 :-

Three meetings have been held to consult with primary school head teachers.

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Corporate Strategy		http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-democracy/strategies-and-plans/corporate-strategy/
Moving Forward in Carmarthenshire:the next 5 years		http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-democracy/strategies-and-plans/moving-forward-in-carmarthenshire-the-next-5-years/