

**Pwyllgor Craffu Addysg a Phlant - Diweddaraf am Weithrediadau ac Atgyfeiriadau  
Education and Children Scrutiny Committee - Actions and Referrals Update**

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Minuted Action / Referral / Request</b>	<b>Progress Update</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>Target / Completion Date</b>	<b>Completed / On-going</b>
18th May 2015 (Joint meeting with SC&H Scrutiny Committee)	<b>Draft Annual Report of the Statutory Director of Social Services on the effectiveness of Social Care Services in Carmarthenshire 2014/15</b> - Unanimously resolved to endorse the report to the Executive Board.	At its meeting on the 8th July 2015, County Council resolved to endorse the Executive Board's recommendation that the Annual Report be approved.	Jake Morgan	8th July 2015	Completed
18th May 2015	<b>MEP proposed discontinuation of Copperworks Infants &amp; Nursery School and Lakefield CP School and the establishment of a new primary school</b> - Unanimously resolved to endorse to the Executive Board the proposed discontinuation of Copperworks Infant & Nursery School and Lakefield Primary School and the establishment of a new primary school following the statutory consultation process.	The Executive Board considered the proposal at its meeting on the 15th June 2015 and unanimously resolved to recommend to Council that the proposal to discontinue Copperworks Infant & Nursery School and Lakefield Primary School be proceeded with and a Statutory Notice be published to implement the proposal. It also unanimously resolved that concerns about the lack of Welsh Government funding to support improvements to the road infrastructure at the new school sites, thereby ensuring safe access, be conveyed to Welsh Government.	Rob Sully / Simon Davies	15th June 2015	Completed
	Unanimously resolved to ask the Executive Board to convey to Welsh Government the Committee's concerns about the lack of Welsh Government funding to support improvements to the road infrastructure at new school sites thereby ensuring safe access.	At its meeting on the 15th June 2015, the Executive Board also unanimously resolved that concerns about the lack of Welsh Government funding to support improvements to the road infrastructure at the new school sites, thereby ensuring safe access, be conveyed to Welsh Government. A response has not yet been received from the Welsh Government.	Rob Sully / Simon Davies	To be confirmed	On-going

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	<b>MEP School Organisation Decision Making and Determination Process</b> - Resolved to recommend that the Executive Board considers Option 4 (The implementation of a Local Determination Panel to determine stages 1 and 2 with final determination by County Council) in relation to the School Organisation decision making process, in order to reduce the timescales of the process.	At its meeting on the 27th July 2015, the Executive Board unanimously resolved to recommend to Council that, in order to reduce the length of time taken to complete statutory procedures for making significant alterations to schools in accordance with the statutory School Organisation Code, Stages 1 and 2 be considered by the Executive Board with final determination being made by Council. This recommendation was endorsed by County Council at its meeting on the 9th September 2015.	Rob Sully / Simon Davies	9th September 2015	Completed
	<b>Carmarthenshire County Council's Annual Report 2014/15 and Improvement Plan 2015/16 (relevant extracts for the E&amp;C Scrutiny Committee)</b> - Unanimously resolved that the extracts be endorsed for consideration by the Executive Board.	The Annual Report and Improvement Plan will be presented to the Executive Board and County Council in July 2015. At its meeting on the 8th July 2015, County Council resolved to endorse the Executive Board's proposal that the Annual Report for 2014/15 and Improvement Plan 2015/16 be approved.	Wendy Walters / Noelwyn Daniel / Robert James	8th July 2015	Completed
	<b>E&amp;C Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme for 2015/16</b> - Unanimously resolved that the Forward Work Programme for 2015/16 be endorsed subject to (a) the inclusion of the Linguistic Change Proposal for Ysgol Bro Myrddin in July 2015 and (b) the inclusion of numbers and support for NEETs in the Youth Services Update Report.	The forward work programme has been amended to reflect the Committee's requests. A report regarding the linguistic changes at Bro Myrddin will be presented at its meeting on the 6th July 2015 whilst the Youth Services' report is scheduled to be presented at the Committee's meeting on the 14th April 2016.	Bernadette Dolan / Matthew Hughes / Rob Sully / Gareth Morgans	18th May 2015	Completed
	Unanimously resolved that a Task & Finish Group be established to review into schools admissions, catchment areas, transport and appeals processes.	Following consideration of the Provisional Examination and Teacher Assessment Results and Provisional School Attendance Data at its meeting in September 2015, the Committee agreed to establish a Task and Finish Group to undertake a review into the attainment gap for eligible for free school meals learners.	Bernadette Dolan / Matthew Hughes / Rob Sully / Gareth Morgans	24th September 2015	Completed
	Unanimously resolved that the Committee continues with its programme of visits to schools and children / young people's facilities during the 2015/16 municipal year.	Visit dates have been added to the Council Diary, in addition to dates for feedback/visit discussion meetings. These dates were circulated to the Committee on the 22nd July 2015.	Matthew Hughes	22nd July 2015	Completed

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6th July 2015	<b>Carmarthenshire Adult Community Learning Service Provision 2015-16</b> - Unanimously resolved that the Executive Board be asked to consider the possibility of finding funding to maintain the Community Education Centres going forward.	This matter was considered by the Executive Board at its meeting on the 2nd November 2015. The Board was advised that as a review was currently being undertaken on the usage of the community education centres, it was felt that consideration of the referral should be deferred pending completion of that review. The Board therefore unanimously resolved that consideration of the referral be deferred pending completion of the current review on the usage of the community education centres.	Bernadette Dolan/ Gaynor Morgan	2nd November 2015	Completed
	<b>MEP proposal to change the language category of Ysgol Bro Myrddin from Bilingual (2A) to Welsh-Medium (WM)</b> - Unanimously resolved to endorse the proposal to proceed with the statutory consultation process regarding the planned change in the language category of Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin.	At its meeting on the 14th October 2015, County Council resolved to adopt the Executive Board's proposals that (1) officers be authorised to initiate formal consultation on the proposal during the Autumn 2015 term; and that (2) a report be submitted to the Executive Board at the end of the consultation period.	Rob Sully / Simon Davies	14th October 2015	Completed
	<b>Forthcoming Items</b> - Unanimously resolved that the list of forthcoming items be endorsed, subject to the deferment of the School Attendance and Education Welfare Update report and School Visits Activity report 2014/15.	The Committee's request has been noted and the forward work programme has been updated accordingly.	Bernadette Dolan / Matthew Hughes	6th July 2015	Completed
18th September 2015 (Joint meeting with E&PP Scrutiny Committee)	<b>Sustaining Post-Sixteen College/School Transport</b> - Unanimously resolved that the Executive Board ask the other Welsh local authorities for full details of how they implemented charges for post-sixteen transport and seek clarification as to whether these had affected post-sixteen education in the long term.	The Committee's comments will be included in the consultation report and fed back to the Executive Board for consideration in due course.	Eifion Bowen / Steve Pilliner / Jackie Edwards / Gaynor Morgan	To be confirmed	On-going
24th September 2015	<b>CYSUR (Regional Safeguarding Children) Annual Report 2014/15</b> - Resolved to request that the CYSUR Executive Board gives consideration to Elected Member representation on the Board.	This issue was raised at the meeting of CYSUR Executive Board held on 5th October 2015. It was agreed at that meeting for Head of Children's Services to feedback the outcome of the discussions to the Scrutiny Committee.	Liz Blazey / Stefan Smith	5th October 2015	Completed

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	<b>Introduction of a Corporate Safeguarding Policy that covers all the Council's Service Areas</b> - Unanimously resolved to endorse the proposed policy.	The draft strategy was considered by the Executive Board at its meeting on the 28th September 2015 and unanimously resolved to recommend to Council that the Corporate Safeguarding Policy be endorsed. County Council resolved to adopt the Policy at its meeting in October 2015.	Stefan Smith / Gaynor Morgan	14th October 2015	Completed
	<b>Provisional Examination and Teacher Assessment Results and Provisional School Attendance Data</b> - Unanimously resolved to establish a task and finish group to undertake a review into the attainment gap for eligible for free school meals learners.	The first meeting of the new group will be held on the 8th December 2015.	Bernadette Dolan / Matthew Hughes / Gareth Morgans	8th December 2015	On-going
	Unanimously resolved that the Chair be given delegated authority to accept nominations to serve on the politically balanced task and finish group from the leaders of the political groups (2 Independents, 2 Labour and 2 Plaid Cymru).	The leaders of the political groups were requested to nominate representatives from their respective groups on the 21st October 2015. At the time of writing, Councillors Eirwyn Williams, Ryan Bartlett, Hugh Richards and Tom Theophilus and Peter Hughes-Griffiths have been confirmed as members of the new group. Officers are awaiting confirmation of the remaining Labour representative.	Bernadette Dolan	8th December 2015	On-going
	Unanimously resolved to extend an invitation to the co-opted members of the Committee to join the task and finish group.	The co-opted members have been invited to be part of the task and finish group's review. At the time of writing, Simon Pearson and Vera Kenny had expressed an interest in joining the Group.	Bernadette Dolan	8th December 2015	Completed
	Unanimously resolved that the Chair and Vice-Chair be nominated to represent the Education & Children Scrutiny Committee at all events held to develop joint scrutiny arrangements across the ERW region.	The Chair and Vice-Chair will represent the Committee at future events across the ERW region.	Gaynor Morgan / Bernadette Dolan	24th September 2015	Completed
	<b>Children &amp; Young People's Participation Strategy 2015-18, Action Plan and Children's Rights Promise</b> - Unanimously resolved to endorse the Children & Young People's Participation Strategy 2015-18, Action Plan and Children's Rights Promise to the Executive Board.	The report was considered by the Executive Board at its meeting on the 2nd November 2015 where it unanimously resolved to recommend to County Council that (1) the Children & Young People's Strategy, Action Plan & Promise be adopted and that (2), the Lead Member for Children and Young People (Cllr Gareth Jones) take on the role of Lead person (member) for Children's Rights, as set out in the promise.	Rob Sully / Dave Astins	2nd November 2015	Completed