

Education Children Scrutiny Committee Actions 2018-19

Action No.	Ref No	Meeting Date	Recommendation / Action / Referral	Description	Progress Update	Member / Officer	Status
1	E&C 001-18/19	14th May 2018	Action	TIC Programme for Schools Update - Committee to receive a further update in six months' time.	Included in the FWP. Report to be presented to Committee on 20th December, 2018.	Andi Morgan / Allan Carter	COMPLETED
2	E&C 002-18/19	7th June 2018	Action	Forward Work Programme - the following items to be included:- the additional £0.5m funding for schools, WESP language continuum and transfer from primary schools; TIC; delegated schools funding formaul (including ALN funding); the schools admissions and appeals process; adult community learning.	These items have been included in the FWP.	Michelle Evans Thomas	COMPLETED
3	E&C 003-18/19	7th June 2018	Action	Forward Work Programme - in future Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring and Complaints & Compliments reports to be circulated to the Committee via e-mail.	Officers advised accordingly and reports being circulated to members via e-mail as requested.	Michelle Evans Thomas	COMPLETED
4	E&C 004-18/19	5th July 2018	Action	CCC's Draft Annual Report 2018 - Reference made to the fact that assessments undertaken through the Welsh medium have fallen to 39.9%	Information circulated to members via e-mail.	Jonathan Buck/ Michelle Evans Thomas	COMPLETED
5	E&C 005-18/19	5th July 2018	Action	Music Service Update July 2018 - Committee to receive an update report as soon as information is received regarding national developments.	Included in the FWP.	Gareth Kirby	IN PROGRESS
6	E&C 006-18/19	5th July 2018	Action	Approaches to Securing Positive Behaviour in Carmarthenshire Schools - Committee receive a report at a future meeting to include data measuring the effectiveness of positive behaviour initiatives.	Members received a report at the meeting held on 5th July, 2018.	Andi Morgan	COMPLETED
7	E&C 007-18/19	5th July 2018	Action	Supporting Progression into Teaching, Leadership Roles and Headship - Committee to receive an update at a future meeting.	Members received a report at the meeting held on 5th July, 2018.	Andi Morgan/ Elin Forsyth	COMPLETED
8	E&C 008-18/19	5th July 2018	Action	Referral from the SC&H Scrutiny Committee - Young Carers to be placed on the agenda of the meeting of the Education & Children Scrutiny Committee to be held on 27th September, 2018 and the Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee be invited to attend for consideration of that item.	Included in the FWP. Report to be presented to Committee on 26th November, 2018.	Steffan Smith/Mags Williams	COMPLETED
9	E&C 009-18/19	27th September 2018	Action	Formula Funding For Schools - A workshop session on Formula Funding for Schools and the £0.5m funding for the School Development Fund be arranged for members of the Committee.	An initial Formula Funding Paper has been shared with members during the meeting held on 27th September, 2018. A workshop to explore issues in further detail is being arranged.	Andi Morgan	COMPLETED
10	E&C 010-18/19	27th September 2018	Action	Performance Monitoring Report Quarter 1 - With regard to the percentage of children who have re-registered on the Child Protection Register, the Committee to be provided with more information about the national target and comparators across Welsh Authorities.	The 'National Target' is one set locally but is based on the Welsh Average and Carmarthenshire's result of the previous year. As this is a new measure, the previously supplied Progress Update tries to describe the difficulty in benchmarking and setting a target based on only two years data, which varied greatly. It is hoped that after this year's final result having three end of year results will prove beneficial for benchmarking purposes. This commentary will be reflected in comments for this Measure (SCC/27) included in the Quarter 3 Performance Report item for the March 13th meeting.	Steffan Smith/ Frances Lewis	COMPLETED

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11	E&C 011-18/19	26th November 2018	Action	5. EARLY VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT AND REDUNDANCY BUDGET - Asked how many people have left on EVR or redundancy, the Director agreed to circulate this information via e-mail;	Email circulated to Committee	Gareth Morgans	COMPLETED
12	E&C 012-17/18	26th November 2018	Action	5. EARLY VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT AND REDUNDANCY BUDGET - The Director advised the Committee that not many schools have teachers over the age of 55 so now we are facing the possibility of compulsory redundancy for under 55s but then there are no implications on the Authority because they would not be eligible to access their pension. He added that it would be possible to arrange a workshop for the Committee on teachers' pensions.	EARLY VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT AND REDUNDANCY were discussed in the Budget Workshop on the 24 th of January	Gareth Morgans	COMPLETED
13	E&C 013-17/18	20th December 2018	Action	5. EARLY VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT AND REDUNDANCY BUDGET - The Director of Education and Children advised that the EWS provided a statutory service in dealing with non-attendance therefore the provision would have to continue albeit in a different form. The current non-attendance levels set by Welsh Government are 80% but there is consideration being given to increasing this to 85%, which would increase the workload of the EWS. It was also noted that some schools manage their own non-attendance and are keen to continue to do so. The department is looking at different models for the service, in particular the models used in Denbigh and Conwy and a report is being prepared on options for the future of the service which will be presented to Committee in due course.	Email circulated to Committee on 27th December 2018	Gareth Morgans	COMPLETED
14	E&C 014-17/18	20th December 2018	Action	4. REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY CONSULTATION 2019/20 TO 2021/22 - The Group Accountant advised that the majority of the Primary Schools were over by a few thousand pounds and that small changes, such as recruitment of a higher band teacher would negate this. Two of the Secondary Schools identified have committed the expenditure to capital projects. Members asked that the most recent figures be circulated.	Email circulated to Committee	Susannah Nolan	COMPLETED
15	E&C 015-17/18	20th December 2018	Action	5. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEPARTMENTAL PLAN 2018/19 - 2021/22 - Measure 11 on the report set out the 'average length of time in days it has taken all children placed for adoption (in quarter (Q4) to progress from date of should be placed for adoption decision, to date of placement for adoption.' Members noted a significant increase from 625 days in 2016/17 to 2388 days in 2017/18. The Performance and Information Officer advised that this was probably due to a complex case, and added that they would ask the Head of Children Services to provide members with a more detailed response.	The Measure that should be referred to with the "significant increase from 625 days in 2016/17 to 2388 days in 2017/18" is actually Measure 10 - Longest length of time in days it has taken for a child Placed for Adoption to progress from the date of most recently becoming Looked After to the date of Placement for Adoption during the quarter (Q4).	Stefan Smith/Jonathan Buck	COMPLETED
16	E&C 016-17/18	20th December 2018	Action	5. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEPARTMENTAL PLAN 2018/19 - 2021/22 - Reference was made to the Mutual Investment Model and in view of the continuing reservations expressed by members, officers were asked if it would be possible to have a presentation on this issue at a future meeting. The Head of Access to Education advised that he would circulate a link to the relevant page of the Welsh Government website which included an update on MIM. The Committee was reminded that there would be further debate on this issue at future meetings when considering reports on the MEP.	This measures the 'longest length of time' rather than an average time as per Measure 11 and in 2017/18 was for a very complicated case where a care plan was changed after 5 years from 'placed with parents' to 'placed for adoption' but the whole 6 year period is counted.	Simon Davies	COMPLETED