

# EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2016

## Education & Children Task and Finish Group 2015/16 – Planning and Scoping Document

### To consider and comment on the following issues:

- To consider and endorse the aims and scope of the work of the Task & Finish Group.
- To consider and endorse the key milestones for the completion of the work of the Task & Finish Group.

### Reasons:

- The Task & Finish Group is required to report the progress of its work to the main scrutiny committee.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: **NO**

### Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder:

Cllr. Gareth Jones (Education and Children)

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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At its meeting on 24th September 2015, the Education & Children Scrutiny Committee considered provisional Examination and Teacher Assessment Results. It agreed to establish a task and finish group to research and review the attainment gap for e-FSM learners, one of the key priorities for the Department and ERW this year.

The members of the Group are:

- Cllr. Ryan Bartlett
- Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths
- Cllr. John James
- Cllr. Hugh Richards
- Cllr. Tom Theophilus
- Cllr. Eirwyn Williams (Chair)
- Mr. Simon Pearson – Parent Governor Representative
- Mrs. Vera Kenny – Roman Catholic Church Representative

The Group's main aims will be to:

- Research the attainment gap for learners eligible for free school meals in Carmarthenshire.
- Identify trends at all key stages and key indicators.
- Review how the Pupil Deprivation Grant is being used in our schools.
- Identify best practice interventions in the county's schools, across ERW, the rest of Wales and the UK.
- Raise the profile of the challenge of overcoming the attainment gap in the midst of shrinking budgets, other priorities and curriculum changes.

The Group held its first planning meeting on 8th December 2015 and nominated Cllr. Eirwyn Williams as chair and Cllr. Ryan Bartlett as vice-chair. The Group discussed the scope of the review, key issues to be addressed, key stakeholders to be consulted and key milestones to be met. These details are outlined in the attached document.

**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:**            Linda Rees-Jones            Head of Administration & Law

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

## CONSULTATIONS

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

**Signed:**            Linda Rees-Jones            Head of Administration & Law

**1. Local Member(s) – N/A**

**2. Community / Town Council – N/A**

**3. Relevant Partners –** If required, representatives from partner organisations will be consulted as part of the Task & Finish Group’s review.

**4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations –** Officers from the Education & Children Department contributed to the development of the Planning and Scoping Document and will continue to support the work of the Task & Finish Group.

**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
Provisional Examination and Teacher Assessment Results and Provisional School Attendance Data – E&C Scrutiny Committee (24th September 2015)	<p><b>Cymraeg</b>  <a href="http://democratiaeth.sirgar.llyw.cymru/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=153&amp;MIId=172&amp;Ver=4">http://democratiaeth.sirgar.llyw.cymru/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=153&amp;MIId=172&amp;Ver=4</a></p> <p><b>English</b>  <a href="http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=153&amp;MIId=172&amp;Ver=4">http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=153&amp;MIId=172&amp;Ver=4</a></p>