

EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

21st APRIL 2021

Education & Children's Departmental Business Plan 2021/22

Purpose:

To give members an opportunity to review the Department's Business Plan.

To consider and comment on the following issues:

Information contained within the plan be considered

Reasons:

To show how the department, for which this Scrutiny has a remit, supports the Corporate Strategy.

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-

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1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

- Due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic this is an abbreviated plan, usually it would include a review section, but this has been covered in the Service COVID-19 Impact Assessments previously submitted to this Scrutiny.
- The Business Plan shows how the Services support the delivery of the Corporate Strategy, recently reported to the Scrutiny committee.

2. OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE AND THEIR PROS AND CONS

- The impact of the pandemic and BREXIT create a lot of uncertainty in future planning and this plan is subject to change.

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:

Stefan Smith - Head of Children's Services
 Simon Davies - Head of Access to Education
 Aeron Rees - Head of Curriculum & Wellbeing
 Aneirin Thomas - Head of Education & Inclusion Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

- This departmental business plan shows how the department supports the Corporate Strategy and its Well-being Objectives.
- It will be supported by more detailed divisional business plans.
- The actions that support the Well-being Objectives and the steps taken to achieve them will be monitored throughout the year.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has had a considerable impact on departments and business plans reflect this. There have been many lessons learnt and new ways of working developed that will be maintained.

2. Legal

The Well-being Future Generations Act (2015) requires that functions of the council should maximise their contributions to the Well-being Objectives set by the Council. Our Well-being Objectives maximise our contribution to the seven national Goals of the Act and demonstrate the five ways of working.

3. Finance

The Well-being Future Generations Act (2015) requires that we ensure that resources are allocated annually to meet our objectives. The budget breakdown has been reported to a previous meeting.

4. ICT

As identified within the plan

5. Risk Management Issues

Key risks are identified for each department and mitigating actions are outlined.

6. Staffing Implications

As identified within the plan.

7. Physical Assets

As outlined in the business plan.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed:

Stefan Smith - Head of Children's Services
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 Aeron Rees - Head of Curriculum & Wellbeing
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(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings) –

1. Local Member(s)

Name(s) of local member(s) and individual comments, if appropriate

N/A

2. Community / Town Council

Name(s) of Town/Community Councils(s) and individual comments to be included, if appropriate

N/A

3. Relevant Partners

Name(s) and individual comments to be included, if appropriate

N/A

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Name(s) and individual comments to be included, if appropriate

N/A

EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED YES	Include any observations here
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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
Corporate Strategy		<u>Corporate Strategy 2018-2023</u>