

EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 17th JUNE 2016

11-19 Learning Network Update

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- The development of a shared curriculum for young people aged 11-19 in Carmarthenshire secondary schools, Coleg Sir Gâr and local training provision;
- The implementation of the recommendations contained in the 11-19 Curriculum Review.

Reasons:

- To enable members to exercise their scrutiny role in relation to the delivery of education and youth support services as specified in the Learning and Skills Act 2000.
- To formulate views for submission to the Executive Board for consideration

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: YES

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder: Cllr. Gareth Jones (Education & Children)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Carmarthenshire 11-19 Review highlights how the 11-19 curriculum in Carmarthenshire has evolved since 2000 and how this provision has been affected by national, regional and local factors.

Informed by this contextual information, the 11-19 Review sets out 20 recommendations that will enable young people educated in secondary schools, Coleg Sir Gâr and training providers to gain the skills and experiences needed to progress to further learning and employment.

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: **J. Aeron Rees** Head of Learner Programmes

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

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Support services linked to 11-19 Curriculum and the Welsh Government's Youth Engagement and Progression Framework for young people aged 11-25 in Carmarthenshire play an important role in promoting social inclusion via Welsh and English medium provision including:

- The identification of young people at risk of not succeeding in formal education via a Vulnerability Assessment Profile (VAP) of all pupils on school roll;
- Tracking of young people when they leave school via the Careers Wales IO Database;
- The follow up and use of targeted interventions to engage with young people known to be not in employment, education or training after leaving school;
- A wide range of youth work projects in schools, FE colleges, youth settings and local communities;

2. Legal

All secondary schools are required to be compliant with the Education (Local Curriculum for Pupils in Key Stage 4) (Wales) Regulations 2009.

Secondary schools and further education colleges are required to be compliant with the Education (local Curriculum for Students 16 to 18) (Wales) Regulations.

These regulations set out the minimum curriculum offer requirements for young people in the 14-16 and 16-19 age cohorts. The details of these regulations are available in the documents accessible via the links below:

- Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009:
http://www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation/wales/mwa2009/mwa_20090001_en_1
- Education (Local Curriculum for Pupils in Key Stage 4) (Wales) Regulations 2009:
https://www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation/wales/wsi2009/wsi_20093256_en_1
- Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009: Local Curriculum for Pupils in Key Stage 4 Guidance:
<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/educationandskills/publications/circulars/learningandskillsmeasure/?lang=en>

3. Finance

The Welsh Government (WG) funds 11-16 education via allocations per pupil to each local authority which are then passed on to schools. Post 16 education in School Sixth Forms and Further Education colleges is funded via the Welsh Government's National Planning and Reporting System. The 2015-2016 allocation for Carmarthenshire Sixth Form provision and related planning systems is £6.18M.

Additionally, Carmarthenshire receives the Welsh Government's Education Improvement Grant (EIG) via the ERW consortium and approximately £220k of this funding is allocated to support collaborative learning activities linked to the 14-19 Network structures in the county.

4. ICT

Funding from the 14-19 Network grant is supporting implementation of the Welsh Government's *hwb* Information and Communication Technology initiative – see:

<https://hwb.wales.gov.uk/Home/Pages/Home.aspx?lang=en>

This ICT development has very significant implications for changing the way in which teaching and learning is delivered for young people in the County and across Wales.

6. Staffing Implications

The Post 16 grant and EIG allocation currently funds a number of posts hosted by partner organisations, related local authority central administration and the teaching of collaborative courses run by schools, Coleg Sir Gâr and private training providers.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: J. Aeron Rees Head of Learner Programmes

1. Local Member(s) – N/A

2. Community / Town Council – N/A

3. Relevant Partners – The 11-19 Review has been circulated for consultation to relevant partners including school and local authority staff, governors, Coleg Sir Gâr management and training providers.

4. 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

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Learning Pathways II Guidance (2006)	http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dcells/publications/090302lpgguidanceeiien.pdf
WG Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 16-19 (2009)	http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dcells/publications/140514-learning-and-skills-measure-2009-local-curriculum-for-students-16-18-en.pdf
WG Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure Key Stage 4 (2009)	http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dcells/publications/140507-learning-and-skills-measure-2009-local-curriculum-for-pupils-key-stage-4-en.pdf
Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009: Learner Support Services and Learning Pathway Document Guidance	http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dcells/publications/110224learneren.pdf
Guide to the Post 16 Planning and Funding Framework (2015-2016)	http://gov.wales/topics/educationandskills/learningproviders/post-16-planning-and-funding/planning-and-funding-arrangements-2015-2016/?lang=en
Youth Engagement and Progression Framework Implementation Plan (2013)	http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dcells/publications/131007-ye-framework-implementation-plan-en.pdf