

# EDUCATION, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

09/10/2023

## Subject: Strategic Focus Groups

**Purpose: to provide information to the Committee regarding the Department for Education's Strategic Focus Groups**

### THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE IS ASKED TO:-

Review and assess the information contained in Report and provide any recommendations, comments, or advice to the Cabinet Member and / or Director prior to the report's consideration by Cabinet.

### Reason(s)

At the request of the Scrutiny Committee, this report provides information to the Committee, on how the Education Service is making use of Strategic Focus Groups to drive Business Plan priorities.

### Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder:-

Cllr. Glynog Davies, Education and Welsh Language

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Strategic Focus Groups

### SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

- This report provides a summary of how the Education Department effectively delivers its business objectives through Strategic Focus Groups (SFG).
- These SFGs meet monthly and are attended by Officers and representative headteachers.
- The SFGs were highlighted as strong practice during the recent Estyn inspection.

**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 :

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

### RISK MANAGEMENT

The Strategic Focus Groups are one of the mitigations used to ensure that we deliver on the Cabinet's vision and the Department's key priorities. SFG members monitor progress and discuss and resolve challenges and issues. Without this focused work we could be at risk of not delivering on our priorities and ensuring that our service is of a high quality and having an impact.

### STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

Specific Strategic Focus Groups focus on key issues such as leadership development, delivering high quality teaching and learning and learner and staff wellbeing. They work to ensure staff are able to access appropriate professional development and support for their wellbeing.

### CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED

YES

### Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

**THERE ARE NONE**