

# Education, Young People and the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee Forward Plan 2023/24

**FOR THE PERIOD 24 MAY 2023 TO 23 MAY 2024**

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<p>SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23</p> <p>The report provides an overview of the Scrutiny's activities during 2022/23 in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>23 Jun 2023</p>	<p>Cllr. Carys Jones</p>	<p><i>Julie Owens, Democratic Services Officer</i> JuOwens@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>
<p>POST-COVID REVIEW OF PUPIL'S ATTENDANCE AND BEHAVIOUR (INCLUDING INPUT FROM COEDCAE SCHOOL)</p> <p>To establish current situation in respect of bullying and mental health issues experienced by young people. The report provides information about how the Authority is supporting improving behaviour and attendance across Carmarthenshire schools.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>23 Jun 2023</p>	<p>Cllr. Glynog Davies, Cabinet Member</p>	<p><i>Aneirin Thomas, Head of Education Services and Inclusion</i> ARThomas@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF THE FORWARD WORK PLAN 2023/24</p> <p>The County Council's Constitution requires Scrutiny Committees to develop and publish annual Forward Work Plans that identify issues and reports to be considered during the course of the</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>23 Jun 2023</p>	<p>Cllr. Carys Jones</p>	<p><i>Julie Owens, Democratic Services Officer</i> JuOwens@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>

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<p>OUTCOME OF ESTYN'S INSPECTION OF CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL</p> <p>To review the council's current position and be assured that arrangements are in place to address any identified recommendations / areas for improvement.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>9 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Gareth Morgans, Director of Education &amp; Children's Services</i>  edgmorgans@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>
<p>UPDATE ON THE CURRENT POSITION REGARDING ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR FULL TIME EDUCATION FOR 4 YEAR OLDS (RISING 4'S POLICY)</p> <p>To review the provision of Carmarthenshire's early years education, childcare and play opportunities.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>9 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Simon Davies, Head of Access to Education</i>  sidavies@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>

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<p>OVERVIEW OF THE 8 PRIORITY AREAS AND STRATEGIC FOCUS GROUPS WITHIN THE EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIVISION, TOGETHER WITH A TIMETABLE FOR REVIEW BY THE COMMITTEE</p> <p>To provide an overview of the 8 priority areas and strategic focus groups within the Education and Children's Services division, together with a timetable for review by the Committee.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>9 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Gareth Morgans, Director of Education &amp; Children's Services</i>  edgmorgans@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>
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<p>BUDGET OUTTURN POSITION FOR 2022/23 AT 31ST MARCH 2023</p> <p>To provide Scrutiny with an end of year financial position in respect of 2022/23. The report will be circulated to the Committee for consideration outside the meeting</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>9 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources</p>	<p><i>Chris Moore, Director of Corporate Services</i>  cmoore@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>

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<p>REVIEW OF THE POSITION REGARDING SCHOOL BUDGETS IN PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS</p> <p>This report provides an update on the local authority's strategy and position with maintained schools facing or predicting budget deficit. It follows a previous presentation made to the Governance &amp; Audit Committee.</p>	Education, Young People & the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee	9 Oct 2023	Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language	<i>Aneirin Thomas, Head of Education Services and Inclusion</i> ARThomas@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

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<p>UPDATE ON ESTYN'S REVIEW OF THE WELSH FOR ADULTS PROVISION</p> <p>To review the council's current position and be assured that arrangements are in place to address any identified recommendations / areas for improvement.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>Date to be confirmed</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Aeron Rees, Head of Strategy and Learner Support</i>  jarees@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>
<p>MUSIC SERVICE PROVISION FOR SCHOOLS</p> <p>The report will set out the delivery of the music service and an update on the transition from the in-house service to the external provision. An update on the efficiency savings will also be provided.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>1 Dec 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Elin Forsyth, Strategic Lead for School Effectiveness</i>  EMForsyth@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>
<p>SCHOOL RECRUITMENT AND STAFFING UPDATE</p> <p>The report will provide an update on school recruitment and staffing figures, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-statistics on the number of students applying for and completing Post Graduate Certificates</li> <li>-the number of students completing Post Graduate Certificates through the medium of Welsh</li> <li>-the number of Welsh language medium teachers</li> </ul>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>1 Dec 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Aeron Rees, Head of Strategy and Learner Support</i>  jarees@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>

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<p>REVIEW OF SUPPLY STAFF ARRANGEMENTS IN CARMARTHENSHIRE</p> <p>The report will enable the Committee to review the cost effectiveness of the current external and determine whether there is scope for an in-house service provision.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>1 Dec 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Elin Forsyth, Strategic Lead for School Effectiveness</i>  <i>EMForsyth@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>
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<p>10 YEAR SOCIAL SERVICES STRATEGY</p> <p>To provide members with a vision on how the Council will provide the statutory social services functions over the next decade. The document will detail the following areas: Introduction, Vision Statement, The services people receive,</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Cabinet</p>	<p>1 Dec 2023</p>	<p>Cllr. Jane Tremlett,  Cabinet Member</p>	<p><i>Jake Morgan, Director of Community Services</i>  <i>jakemorgan@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>



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Social Work Models of care, Safeguarding, Integration and Partnerships , Workforce and an Action Plan.		18 Mar 2024		
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<p>DIVISIONAL SERVICE DELIVERY PLANS</p> <p>The Divisional Delivery Plans set the strategic actions and measures that the services within the Division will take forward in order for the Council to make progress against its Well-being Objectives, thematic priorities and service priorities.</p>	Education, Young People & the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee	21 Feb 2024	Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language	<p><i>Aneirin Thomas, Head of Education Services and Inclusion</i>  ARThomas@carmarthenshire.gov.uk, <i>Jan Coles, Head of Children and Families</i>  jcoles@carmarthenshire.gov.uk, <i>Gareth Morgans, Director of Education &amp; Children's Services</i>  edgmorgans@carmarthenshire.gov.uk, <i>Aeron Rees, Head of Strategy and Learner Support</i>  jarees@carmarthenshire.gov.uk, <i>Simon Davies, Head of Access to Education</i>  sidavies@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>

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<p>CORPORATE STRATEGY (TO BE CONFIRMED)</p> <p>The Council's Corporate Strategy, which includes the Council's well-being objectives, sets the direction of travel and priorities for the organisation over the period of the current administration. The Strategy provides the framework for delivering on the Cabinet's vision and commitments during that period. The Scrutiny Committee will review the elements relevant to its Terms of Reference.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>21 Feb 2024</p>	<p>Cllr. Glynog Davies, Cabinet Member</p>	<p><i>Gwyneth Ayers, Corporate Policy and Partnership Manager</i> GAyers@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>
<p>REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY CONSULTATION</p> <p>The objective of the report is to allow members to consider the corporate budget strategy and the associated service delivery impact and options for the forthcoming years.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>21 Feb 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources</p>	<p><i>Chris Moore, Director of Corporate Services</i> cmoore@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>
<p>UPDATE ON THE CHILDCARE OFFER FOR WALES</p> <p>To receive an update on the Childcare Offer for Wales in accordance with its intended primary aims to: -enable more parents, particularly</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>21 Feb 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Noeline Thomas, Service Manager</i> NoThomas@carmarthenshire.gov.uk, <i>Jan Coles, Head of Children and Families</i> jcoles@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>

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<p><b>PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE ROLL-OUT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS ACROSS CARMARTHENSHIRE</b></p> <p>The report will detail the progress made by the Council on the roll-out of Free School Meals across Carmarthenshire against Welsh Government timescales. An overview of the challenges in terms of capacity issues, including kitchen facilities and staffing resources will also be included.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>3 Apr 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Simon Davies, Head of Access to Education</i>  sidavies@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>

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<p><b>ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS UPDATE</b></p> <p>The report will provide information pertaining to the progress made regarding the implementation of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act and the areas of best practice with pupils with Additional Learning Needs.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>3 Apr 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Aneirin Thomas, Head of Education Services and Inclusion</i>  <i>ARThomas@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>
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<p>UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE CARMARTHENSHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL</p> <p>To receive an update on the work of the Carmarthenshire Youth Council in accordance with the four main areas of representation pertaining to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Education</li> <li>-Universal</li> <li>-Special Interest</li> <li>-Welsh Youth Parliament</li> </ul>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>17 May 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Sarah Powell, Young People's Participation Co-ordinator</i>  <i>SJPowell@carmarthenshire.gov.uk, Gill Adams, Principal Manager - Youth Support Service</i>  <i>GMAAdams@carmarthenshire.gov.uk, Aeron Rees, Head of Strategy and Learner Support</i>  <i>jarees@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>

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