EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 22nd SEPTEMBER 2016

Provisional Examination and Teacher Assessment Results and provisional School Attendance Data

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- Foundation Stage Teacher Assessment Results
- Key Stage 2 Teacher Assessment Results
- Key Stage 3 Teacher Assessment Results
- 2015 GCSE Results- Level 1, Level 2, Level 2i
- 2015 A Level Results
- Primary and Secondary Schools Attendance rates
- Literacy and Numeracy 2015 Test Results

Reasons:

- To enable the Committee to consider the provisional Examination and Teacher Assessment Results and provisional school attendance data.
- To enable members to exercise their scrutiny role in relation to monitoring performance.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: NO

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

| Directorate: Education & Children | Designation: | Tel No. / E-Mail Address: |
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Following comments from Members in respect of scrutinising performance data earlier in the school year, it was agreed to present data in the September scrutiny committee meeting with the health warning that some data will be unverified.

The report will include unverified 2016 data, some narrative on performance comparisons with national and regional performance, emerging challenges and potential areas to develop.

Officers will present a finalised and verified performance data report to members and other stakeholders as part of the Annual Performance Report which will be available at the start of 2017.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES



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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: | Gareth Morgans Chief Education Officer | | | | | |
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| Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities | Legal | Finance | ICT | Risk Management Issues | Staffing Implications | Physical Assets |
| NONE | NONE | YES | NONE | NONE | YES | NONE |

3. Finance

It is imperative that we maintain and improve attainment outcomes to ensure that Carmarthenshire's learners have the best start in life

The Council needs to consider the impact of the planned reduction in school budgets on the raising standards and improving schools agendas. A high % of a school's budget is spent on teaching and support staff and inevitably a reduced budget will results in redundancies and less support for our learners.

At a time of reduced funding the County Council needs to protect our contribution to the regional school improvement service (which is charged with improving school performance and securing improved outcomes for all learners) and the budgets of Local Authority services which support Carmarthenshire's most vulnerable learners (LAC, SEN, ALN, EAL, Travellers, Sensory impaired etc.). Without the support from these services we will not be able to ensure further improvement in standards.

6. Staffing Implications

The current Education EVR budget is under considerable pressure with a substantial forecasted overspend for 2016/17. If school budgets are reduced this will result in redundancies which will place even greater pressure on this budget, Education and HR officers are working on a revised policy to try an address this challenge.



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CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Gareth Morgans Chief Education Officer

1. Local Member(s) - N/A

2. Community / Town Council – N/A

3. Relevant Partners - N/A

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:

THERE ARE NONE:

| Title of Document | File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection |
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