

1. Background to the visits

During 2008/09, the Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Committee (as it was formerly known) established a Task & Finish Group to review Access, Inclusion and Support Services to Schools.

As part of the Task & Finish Group review, members undertook a series of site visits to schools within the county in order to speak to head teachers and staff. The Group found these visits invaluable but timescales prevented the members from visiting more schools. Therefore, in its final report the Group recommended that a programme of structured school visits be developed for all members of the Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Committee. The Committee considered the Group's recommendation at its meeting on the 8th May 2010 and unanimously resolved that local members, those who were school governors and the Executive Board Member be invited to attend a structured programme of visits to all schools and special units during the 2009/10 municipal year.

The programme of visits has continued since this time and in all, the Committee has now visited all the County's schools, as well as visiting other facilities such as children's centres and special units. Please refer to the appendices (Section 7) for details of the schools and other facilities visited since 2009.

2. Visits programme in 2015/16

A programme was developed for the 2015/16 academic year with the visits continuing to focus on clusters of schools in particular areas in order to minimise travel costs.

Visits were arranged by the Education & Children Department's School Modernisation Team in conjunction with the Scrutiny & Consultancy Team. All local members, in addition to those members who are school governors at the relevant schools, were invited to join the Committee on its visits. Occasionally, other governors were also in attendance.

The following **19** schools/children's centres were visited between October 2015 and June 2016:

Wednesday 7th October 2015	Cwrt Henri CP Nantgaredig CP Llangynnwr CP
Tuesday 24th November 2015	Children's Services, Morfa, Llanelli Tŷ Mair Family Centre, Burry Port
Monday 8th February 2016	Peniel CP Cae'r Felin CP, Pencader Brynsaron CP (near Llandysul)
Thursday 17th March 2016	Y Bedol CP, Garnant Dyffryn Aman Comprehensive

Tuesday 26th April 2016	Emlyn Comprehensive, Newcastle Emlyn Penboyr CP, Drefach-Felindre
Tuesday 24th May 2016	Llanedi Hendy Tycroes
Tuesday 14th June 2016	Banccffosfelen Pontyberem Llanddarog Y Fro, Llangydeyrn
Friday 24th June 2016	Tremoilet, Pendine Llanmiloe Laugharne

During 2015/16, members were accompanied on their visits by the following officers:

- Simon Davies (School Modernisation Manager, E&C Dept.)
- Noeline Thomas (Service Manager - Early Years and Prevention, E&C Dept.)
- Llinos Jones (Challenge Adviser – Team Leader, School Improvement Team, E&C Dept.)
- Marian Morgan (Challenge Adviser – Team Leader, School Improvement Team, E&C Dept.)
- Alun Rees (Challenge Adviser – Team Leader, School Improvement Team, E&C Dept.)
- David Harries (Area Senior Inspector, Property Services, Technical Services Department)
- Jason McGarrigle (Area Senior Inspector, Property Services, Technical Services Department)
- Bob Conyard (Building Inspector, Property Services, Technical Services Department)
- Officers from the Democratic Services Unit (Chief Executive's Department)

Feedback sessions were also held on the 21st January, 14th April, 17th June and 29th June 2016 in order for members and officers to discuss and review the visits undertaken. The Chair and Vice-Chair also met with the Director and Executive Board Member for Education & Children in November 2015, April 2016 and July 2016 to feed back on the Committee's comments and any issues raised during the visits.

For attendance details, please see Sections 5 and 6.

3. Summary of visits

3.1 Ysgol Gynradd Cwrt Henri CP School

Head Teacher:	Mr. Marc Jones	Capacity:	62
Category:	Welsh-Medium	Pupils:	46
Last visit:	N/A (first visit)		

[Cwrt Henri School](#) is located in the Tywi Valley, approximately half a mile north of A40, near Dryslwyn. The school consists of a traditional stone building with a small hard surfaced play area to the rear. A portable classroom is located in an adjacent grassy area behind the main school building. The school serves the areas of Cwrt Henri, Dryslwyn, Llanfynydd, Broad Oak, Capel Isaac and Llangathen. The Committee was welcomed by the Chair of Governors, Linda Evans. Members observed the morning assembly before receiving a presentation from the head teacher and viewing the facilities.

3.2 Ysgol Gynradd Nantgaredig CP School

Head Teacher:	Mr. Steffan Griffiths	Capacity:	214
Category:	Welsh-Medium	Pupils:	210
Last visit:	March 2012		

[Nantgaredig School](#) is situated on large grounds alongside Station Road, near the junction with the main Carmarthen-Llandeilo road (A40). The village, located between Carmarthen and Llandeilo, also serves the surrounding villages of Capel Dewi, Pont-ar-Gothi, Llanegwad, Felingwm and Felinwen.

The current building was built in the mid-1970s and consists of a single storey structure with 8 classrooms, 2 rooms for the Welsh-medium Speech and Language Units (Infants and Juniors) and an IT suite. The speech and language units cater for pupils from a wide geographical area within Carmarthenshire.

The school also has a large assembly hall which is also used at dinner time. An additional extension was built in 2008 and this houses the reception class. Externally, there are various play areas for different age groups, garden and activity areas, in addition to a large hard-surfaced yard and playing field to the north of the building.

Members were welcomed by Lloyd Thomas, Chair of the Governors and given a tour of the school, followed by a presentation.

3.3 Ysgol Gynradd Llangynnwr CP School

Head Teacher:	Mr. Aled Davies	Capacity:	357
Category:	Dual-Stream	Pupils:	313
Last visit:	May 2010		

The school is situated between Pen-y-Morfa Lane and Rhiw Babell in Llangynnwr on the outskirts of Carmarthen. The oldest school buildings date from around the 1960s whilst the newer section was built in the late 1970s. The school also has a number of portable classrooms which were installed in 2002. The school has extensive playing fields adjacent to the main School buildings.

The school is dual-stream, providing a bilingual education. There has been increasing demand for Welsh medium over the last few years and currently there are 3 classes in the English stream and 9 in the Welsh stream. The Head Teacher has been in post since January 2015.

Members were welcomed by local member and school governor, Cllr. Elwyn Williams. They received a presentation from the Head Teacher before viewing the facilities.

3.4 Children's Services, Morfa, Llanelli

A scrutiny-specific development session was held in November 2015 for members of the Committee, as part of the site visits programme. The development session was held in the Flying Start Offices, New Street, Llanelli where the Committee received presentations on the following:

- Overview of the Flying Start Service
- Overview of the Families First Programme & Team Around the Family (TAF) model
- Llanelli Women's Aid – Case Study

3.5 Tŷ Mair Family Centre, Burry Port

Following its visit to the Children's Services facilities in Llanelli, the Committee also visited the Tŷ Mair Family Centre in Burry Port. The Centre is currently located in one part of the former Burry Port Junior School. The Committee received an overview of the services provided at the centre as well as speaking with the Centre Manager and a representative from Plant Dewi.

3.6 Ysgol Gynradd Brynsaron CP School, Saron (near Llandysul)

Head Teacher:	Mrs. Elen Davies	Capacity:	123
Category:	Welsh-Medium	Pupils:	104
Last visit:	March 2010		

[Ysgol Brynsaron](#) is located on the A484 between Rhos and the centre of Saron village (near Llandysul). The original building dates back to the early 1900s although modernisation work was completed at the school in 2009 in order to provide a new reception teaching block and a new Year 6 classroom. The modernisation work also

included some other internal alterations, such as the addition of a computer room and a library area and the installation of interactive whiteboards in every classroom. The school has two hard surfaced playing areas on both sides of the building as well as a large grassed playing area for team sports and other activities.

The Committee received a presentation by the head teacher and was then given a tour of the school's facilities. The Chair of Governors Rev. John Gillibrand as well as fellow governors Emyr Jones and Sion Mason-Evans were also present during the visit.

3.7 Ysgol Gynradd Cae'r Felin CP School, Pencader

Head Teacher:	Mrs. Tanya Morgans (Acting)	Capacity:	142
Category:	Welsh-Medium	Pupils:	100
Last visit:	November 2009		

[Cae'r Felin School](#) is located in the middle of Pencader and was built in 1991. In 2003, a new extension was built on to the infant classrooms, part of which is hired out to the local Cylch Meithrin. There is a hard surfaced playing area on one side of the school as well as a large playing field to which the school has access.

Members were given a presentation by the acting head teacher followed by a tour of the premises. Following the tour, members had lunch at the school. The Chair of Governors, Mrs. Fioled Jones was also in attendance for this visit.

3.8 Ysgol Gynradd Peniel CP School

Head Teacher:	Mrs. Angharad Jones	Capacity:	121
Category:	Welsh-Medium	Pupils:	119
Last visit:	November 2009		

The [school](#) is located in the centre of Peniel village, off the main A485 Carmarthen to Lampeter road. The current school building was opened in September 2009, having replaced the former building. The new school has a variety of hard-surfaced playing areas and a grass playing field. The school serves the village of Peniel and the surrounding area including Bronwydd, Rhydargaeau and Pont-ar-Sais.

The modern building features many eco and sustainable systems such as using rainwater for flushing the toilets and solar panels to heat water. The multi-purpose hall with a portable stage system, is used as a cafeteria for the children, for physical education lessons and by various after school and community clubs. Each classroom has a dedicated cloakroom and toilet facilities which are accessible from the outside play areas. The school also features a separate community room for use by the community and the changing rooms are also used by local sports clubs at weekends.

The Committee was given an overview of the school's activities by the head teacher as well as the local member Cllr. Pam Palmer. Peniel School was the first school visited by the Committee when it commenced its programme of visits in November 2009.

3.9 Ysgol Y Bedol (CP) School, Garnant

Head Teacher:	Mrs. Donna Williams	Capacity:	396
Category:	Welsh-Medium	Pupils:	366
Last visit:	November 2010		

[Ysgol y Bedol](#) is located on Folland Road in Garnant and was officially opened in December 2005 by the then Welsh First Minister, Rhodri Morgan. The school was the second facility built as part of the Modernising Education Programme at a cost of £5.5m to replace the former Twyn Infants School and both Glanaman and Garnant primary schools.

The school comprises of a single storey building which includes a community block and a hub area, which has the main school entrance, administration area and two teaching blocks linked to it. One block caters for three to seven-year-olds and the other for seven to 11-year-olds. A central top lit spine corridor gives access to playgrounds bringing light and air into the heart of the building, with classrooms ranged on one side.

The school hall is the size of three badminton courts in order to accommodate a range of indoor sports for both pupils and the community. An all-weather multi-use games pitch was also developed at the top part of the site and is enclosed and floodlit.

The community section of the school enables a range of services to be provided for the local community. These include a library, IT facilities and a base for the Glanaman & Garnant Neighbourhood Policing Team.

The Committee received a presentation from the Head Teacher and her deputy, followed by a tour of the facilities and a working lunch.

3.10 Ysgol Dyffryn Aman, Ammanford

Head Teacher:	Mr. Stephen Perks	Capacity:	1588
Category:	Bilingual (2B)	Pupils:	1576
Last visit:	November 2010		

[Ysgol Dyffryn Aman](#) is a large school located on Margaret Street in Ammanford on a site shared with Ammanford Leisure Centre.

The school building was the site of the former Amman Valley Grammar School but in 1970 it became Amman Valley Comprehensive School following the merger of Amman Valley Grammar and Amman Valley Secondary Modern Schools.

In December, the school officially marked the completion of a £21m investment programme which involved a four-phase development. This work included a new extension, the refurbishment of one of the existing buildings, plus two new buildings. The work was funded via the Council's Modernising Education Programme, with part funding from the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools initiative.

The extension houses a new sixth form common room, library, staff workrooms, science laboratories and a reception area. A Special Educational Needs facility known as 'Canolfan Amanwy', is located in one of the new buildings. Three new fields and a cricket pitch have been developed, along with new changing rooms and showers.

The Committee was given an overview of the school's performance by the head teacher.



3.11 Ysgol Gyfun Emlyn, Newcastle Emlyn

Head Teacher:	Mr. Hugh Thomas	Capacity:	642
Category:	English-Medium with significant use of Welsh	Pupils:	550
Last visit:	March 2010		

[Ysgol Gyfun Emlyn](#) is located next to the leisure centre, overlooking the town of Newcastle Emlyn. The school was established in 1984 following the re-organisation of secondary education provision in the area, although parts of the school were built in 1955. The new block built at the school at reorganisation provides teaching facilities for Mathematics, Science, Geography, Modern Languages, Special Needs, Music, Art and Food Technology. In the main block, which housed the former Secondary Modern School, are located the administrative offices, main hall and canteen, Gymnasium, Library and Information Technology suite, with classrooms for teaching English, Welsh, Resistant Material Technology and Textiles, together with a fourth Science Laboratory.

3.12 Ysgol Gynradd Penboyr (VAP) School, Drefach-Felindre

Head Teacher:	Dr. Carol James	Capacity:	101
Category:	Welsh-Medium	Pupils:	112
Last visit:	March 2010		

[Penboyr Church in Wales Voluntary Aided School](#) is situated next to St. Barnabas Church in the centre of Drefach-Felindre, near Newcastle Emlyn. The original building dates from 1866 whilst an extension was added in 1991. An additional portable classroom was also located on the site in 1999. The school serves the village and surrounding areas of Cwmpengraig, Cwmhiraeth, Penboyr and Waungilwen. The school has a large area of land to the rear of the main building comprising of a hard-surfaced yard and grassed playing area. There is also a separate playing area for the Foundation Phase.

3.13 Tycroes CP School

Head Teacher:	Mr. Elfed Wood	Capacity:	206
Category:	English-Medium	Pupils:	210
Last visit:	March 2010		

[Tycroes School](#) is located on Pontarddulais Road (the A483) and was opened in 1902. In 1968 the original school building was modernised and improved with three new classrooms being renovated. However, during 2011/12, further re-modelling work was carried out and new extensions were built. This work included improvements to the roof of the existing building, site access and car parking, in addition to the erection of new fencing and development of new playground areas. The new facilities were officially opened in July 2012.

3.14 Llanedi CP School

Head Teacher: Miss Sian Rees (Acting) **Capacity:** 44
Category: English-Medium **Pupils:** 20
Last visit: March 2010

[Llanedi](#) is a small school located on the edge of village, approximately 3 miles north of Pontarddulais. The school was established in 1926 and consists of a small single-storey building surrounded by a yard and large playing field to the rear. It has two classrooms, one for the foundation phase while the other is for the junior class. The school has its own kitchen where meals are cooked on a daily basis.

Following consideration of a proposal to close the school at its meeting in March 2016, the Committee had requested that a visit be arranged to Llanedi, before it made any recommendations to the Executive Board regarding the future of the school.

3.15 Ysgol Gynradd Yr Hendy CP School

Head Teacher: Mrs. Rhian Kenny **Capacity:** 197
Category: Dual-Stream **Pupils:** 163
Last visit: October 2011

Hendy CP School is located on Iscoed Road approximately half a mile from Junction 48 of the M4.

Following consideration of a proposal to close Llanedi School at its meeting in March 2016, the Committee had requested that a visit be arranged to Hendy, before it made any recommendations to the Executive Board regarding the future of Llanedi.

The school was established in 1912 and consists of one main building, set back off the main road. The building has 9 classrooms and an assembly hall, in addition to a number of out-buildings. The school also has a large outdoor hard-surfaced playground and a playing field.

3.16 Ysgol Gynradd Llanddarog VCP School

Head Teacher: Mrs. Meinir Jones **Capacity:** 94
Category: Welsh-Medium **Pupils:** 98
Last visit: May 2013

[Llanddarog](#) is a voluntary controlled primary school and is located on the main road through the village (B4310).

Following consideration of a proposal to close Bancffosfelen School at its meeting in March 2016, the Committee had requested that a visit be arranged to

Llanddarog, before it made any recommendations to the Executive Board regarding the future of Bancffosfelen.

The main school building is of traditional build dating from the mid-1800s and houses the staff room and junior classrooms. In addition, there are two portable classrooms (for the infants) and a single storey multi-purpose hall. The hall serves a variety of uses including breakfast club, dinner, physical education and after school clubs. There is also a hard surfaced playing area next to the main school building and a large playing field to the rear of the site. The Committee noted that since its last visit, the hall has been refurbished and toilets added so that pupils did not need to cross the yard to the main school building.

3.17 Ysgol Gynradd Bancffosfelen CP School

Head Teacher:	Mr. Gareth Owen (Temporary)	Capacity:	98
Category:	Welsh-Medium	Pupils:	35
Last visit:	July 2010		

[Bancffosfelen School](#) is located on Heol-y-Banc, close to the village hall.

Following consideration of a proposal to close the school at its meeting in March 2016, the Committee had requested that a visit be arranged to Bancffosfelen, before it made any recommendations to the Executive Board regarding the future of the school.

The school building is made up of two main parts, namely the old traditional school building which was built in 1887 and the newer temporary block which was erected in the 1960-70s. There is a large hard surfaced yard and playing field next to the building. The Committee noted that the head teacher of Pontyberem School currently looked after the school, spending a day and a half in Bancffosfelen.

3.18 Ysgol Gynradd Pontyberem CP School

Head Teacher:	Mr. Gareth Owen	Capacity:	240
Category:	Welsh-Medium	Pupils:	227
Last visit:	July 2010		

[Pontyberem School](#) is situated in large grounds off Heol-y-Parc in the centre of the village.

Following consideration of a proposal to close Bancffosfelen School at its meeting in March 2016, the Committee had requested that a visit be arranged to Pontyberem, before it made any recommendations to the Executive Board regarding the future of Bancffosfelen.

The present school was established in 1984 following the amalgamation of the village's infant and junior schools. The building had been built as a comprehensive school in the 1960s and provides ample room for primary education needs. The

large grounds and sports facilities are regularly used by local sports clubs and due to the large playing area, the school also hosts the annual Mynydd Mawr sports day where primary schools from the local area compete in various track and field events.

3.19 Ysgol Y Fro (CP) School, Llangyndeyrn

Head Teacher:	Mrs. Diane Thomas (Acting)	Capacity:	41
Category:	Welsh-Medium	Pupils:	34
Last visit:	October 2013		

[Ysgol y Fro](#) was founded in 1996 as a federated school and consisted of three units, one in Llangyndeyrn, one in Idole and the other in Llansaint. Following the closure of the Llansaint Unit in 2009, the infant children were educated at Llangyndeyrn whilst the juniors were based in Idole. However, since the Committee's last visit in October 2013, the Idole Unit has closed (September 2014) and all pupils based in Llangyndeyrn.

Following consideration of a proposal to close Bancffosfelen School at its meeting in March 2016, the Committee had requested that a visit be arranged to Y Fro, before it made any recommendations to the Executive Board regarding the future of Bancffosfelen.

The school is located on the northern edge of the village, off the B4306 road between Pontyberem and Carmarthen. The site is accessed via a narrow track with the building and grounds built into the side of the hill overlooking the village. The school building consists of three main classrooms (one of which is used by the Cylch Meithrin) and a toilet block. There is a hard surfaced play area alongside the school building with a variety of outdoor play houses for the youngest children.

3.20 Tremoilet VCP School

Head Teacher:	Mrs. Jayne Thomas (Acting)	Capacity:	64
Category:	English-Medium (with significant use of Welsh)	Pupils:	49
Last visit:	April 2010		

[Tremoilet](#) is a Church in Wales school and is located on the Pendine to Amroth road, above the main part of the village.

Following the Executive Board's decision to defer consideration of the future of Tremoilet School in March 2016, the Education & Children Scrutiny Committee had then requested that a visit be arranged to the Tremoilet, before it made any recommendations to the Executive Board regarding the school's future.

The original school was established in St Lawrence's Church in Marros in 1840 whilst the current school building dates back to 1875. The main school building houses the hall and staff/admin room whilst the infants' class is housed in a

temporary extension that was installed approximately 25 years ago. The junior class is located in a portable classroom attached to the main building. The kitchen provides meals for the pupils and is located in a single storey building which is also linked to the main hall. The school has a hard surfaced playing area as well as a large playing field (leased to the school by the neighbouring farm).

3.21 Llanmiloe CP School

Head Teacher:	Mrs. Mallt Lewis (Acting)	Capacity:	65
Category:	English-Medium	Pupils:	37
Last visit:	April 2010		

[Llanmiloe CP School](#) is located alongside the A4066 between Laugharne and Pendine, opposite the Qinetiq Defence Establishment.

Following the Executive Board's decision to defer consideration of the future of Llanmiloe School in March 2016, the Education & Children Scrutiny Committee had then requested that a visit be arranged to the Llanmiloe, before it made any recommendations to the Executive Board regarding the school's future.

The building is a long and narrow single-storey building, of single brick construction which dates back to the early post-war years. The school and surrounding homes were built by the Ministry of Defence for its workers at the Llanmiloe site. The school has large grounds with a yard / playing area running the whole length of the building and a playing field below it, next to the main road.

3.22 Laugharne VCP School

Head Teacher:	Mrs. Kimberley Perry	Capacity:	118
Category:	English-Medium (with significant use of Welsh)	Pupils:	61
Last visit:	April 2010		

[Laugharne School](#) is located off Orchard Park and was partly re-built in 2004 with the addition of a new spacious extension. The older part of the school, built in the 1960s, houses the hall / canteen.

Following the Executive Board's decision to defer consideration of the future of Laugharne School in March 2016, the Education & Children Scrutiny Committee had then requested that a visit be arranged to the Laugharne, before it made any recommendations to the Executive Board regarding the school's future

The school has use of the Laugharne Athletic playing fields at the rear of the building for team sports and outdoor activities.

4. Conclusion

As in previous years, the visits undertaken by the Committee during 2015/16 gave members an opportunity to view a wide variety of schools within the county. The visits also provided members with further opportunities to:

- Speak with staff, pupils and governors
- Discuss issues of concern with staff and governors
- Hear about the challenges faced by teaching staff in their day to day work
- Understand the different challenges facing schools in different parts of the county
- View the condition of existing school buildings and facilities
- View and experience the new school facilities being built in the county

Whilst the visits to date have been invaluable in informing members' discussions at committee meetings, members have developed the visits further by focusing on school performance and standards. It is envisaged that future visits will continue to be linked with the School Performance Panel's work programme and recent ESTYN school inspections.

During the year, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee have continued to meet with the Executive Board Member for Education & Children, as well as the Director of Education & Children. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss the strategic issues and concerns arising from recent visits.

It should also be noted that the visits would not have been possible were it not for the co-operation of the schools and staff of the children's centres. Members and local authority staff are thankful to the head teachers, governors and staff for their time and willingness to welcome and accommodate the visits.

5. Visit Attendance 2015/16

Date	Schools Visited	Committee / EB Member Present	Local Member(s)	Governor(s)	Officer(s)
Wednesday 7th October 2015	Cwrt Henri Nantgaredig Llangynnwr	Cllr. Eirwyn Williams Cllr. Ryan Bartlett Cllr. Cefin Campbell Cllr. Mansel Charles Cllr. Terry Davies Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths Cllr. Gwyn Hopkins Cllr. John James Cllr. Pat Jones Cllr. Jean Lewis Cllr. Hugh Richards Cllr. Tom Theophilus Mrs. Vera Kenny (RC Church Rep). Cllr. Gareth Jones (EBM)	Cllr. Mansel Charles (Llanegwad) Cllr. Elwyn Williams (Llangynnwr)	Cllr. Mansel Charles (Nantgaredig) Cllr. Elwyn Williams (Llangynnwr)	Simon Davies (E&C Department) David Harries (Environment Dept.) Bernadette Dolan (DS Unit)
Tuesday 24th November 2015	Children's Services, Morfa, Llanelli Tŷ Mair Family Centre, Burry Port	Cllr. Eirwyn Williams Cllr. Cefin Campbell Cllr. Mansel Charles Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths Cllr. Gwyn Hopkins Cllr. John James Cllr. Jean Lewis Cllr. Hugh Richards Cllr. Tom Theophilus Mrs. Vera Kenny (RC Church Rep). Cllr. Gareth Jones (EBM)	Cllr. John James (Burry Port)		Noeline Thomas (E&C Department) Matthew Hughes (DS Unit)
Monday 8th February 2016	Brynsaron (near Llandysul) Cae'r Felin, Pencader	Cllr. Eirwyn Williams Cllr. Ryan Bartlett Cllr. Ieuan Wyn Davies Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths	Cllr. Pam Palmer (Abergwili)	Rev. John Gillibrand (Brynsaron) Mr. Emyr Jones	Marian Morgan (E&C Department) Alun Rees (E&C

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	Peniel	Cllr. Gwyn Hopkins Cllr. Jean Lewis Cllr. Hugh Richards Cllr. Tom Theophilus Mrs. Vera Kenny (RC Church Rep). Cllr. Gareth Jones (EBM)		(Brynsaron) Mr. Sion Mason-Evans (Brynsaron) Mrs. Fioled Jones (Cae'r Felin)	Department) David Harries (Environment Dept.) Matthew Hughes (DS Unit)
Thursday 17th March 2016	Y Bedol, Garnant Dyffryn Aman Comprehensive, Ammanford	Cllr. Eirwyn Williams Cllr. Ryan Bartlett Cllr. Cefin Campbell Cllr. Mansel Charles Cllr. Ieuan Wyn Davies Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths Cllr. Gwyn Hopkins Cllr. Hugh Richards Cllr. Tom Theophilus Mrs. Vera Kenny (RC Church Rep). Gareth Jones (EBM)	Cllr. Kevin Madge (Garnant)	Cllr. Kevin Madge (Y Bedol) Cllr. David Jenkins (Y Bedol and Ysgol Dyffryn Aman) Cllr. Ryan Bartlett (Ysgol Dyffryn Aman)	David Harries (Environment Dept.) Matthew Hughes (DS Unit)
Tuesday 26th April 2016	Ysgol Gyfun Emlyn, Newcastle Emlyn Penboyr, Drefach-Felindre	Cllr. Eirwyn Williams Cllr. Ryan Bartlett Cllr. Cefin Campbell Cllr. Mansel Charles Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths Cllr. Gwyn Hopkins Cllr. John James Cllr. Jean Lewis Cllr. Hugh Richards Cllr. Tom Theophilus Mrs. Kate Hill (Parent Governor Rep.) Mrs. Vera Kenny (RC Church Rep). Gareth Jones (EBM)	Cllr. Hazel Evans (Cenarth) Cllr. Ken Howell (Llangeler)	Cllr. Hazel Evans (Emlyn) Rev. John Gillibrand (Penboyr)	David Harries (Environment Dept.) Matthew Hughes (DS Unit)

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Tuesday 24th May 2016	Llanedi Hendy Tycroes	Cllr. Eirwyn Williams Cllr. Cefin Campbell Cllr. Mansel Charles Cllr. Ieuan Wyn Davies Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths Cllr. Gwyn Hopkins Cllr. John James Cllr. Jean Lewis Cllr. Hugh Richards Cllr. Tom Theophilus Mrs. Kate Hill (Parent Governor Rep.) Mrs. Vera Kenny (RC Church Rep.) Mrs. Alex Pickles (Parent Governor Rep.) Gareth Jones (EBM)	Cllr. Gareth Thomas (Hendy)	Mrs. Eirwen Thomas (Llanedi) Mrs. Elinor Williams (Llanedi) Cllr. Gareth Thomas (Hendy)	David Harries (Environment Dept.) Bob Jeffery (Environment Dept.) Llinos Jones (E&C Department) Jason McGarrigle (Environment Dept.) Matthew Hughes (DS Unit)
Tuesday 14th June 2016	Llanddarog Bancffosfelen Pontyberem Y Fro, Llangyndeyrn	Cllr. Eirwyn Williams Cllr. Ryan Bartlett Cllr. Cefin Campbell Cllr. Mansel Charles Cllr. Ieuan Wyn Davies Cllr. Gwyn Hopkins Cllr. John James Cllr. Jean Lewis Cllr. Hugh Richards Cllr. Tom Theophilus Mrs. Kate Hill (Parent Governor Rep.) Mrs. Vera Kenny (RC Church Rep.) Mrs. Alex Pickles (Parent Governor Rep.)	Cllr. Wyn Evans (Llanddarog) Cllr. Joy Williams (Pontyberem) Cllr. Tyssul Evans (Llangyndeyrn)	Cllr. Joy Williams (Pontyberem and Bancffosfelen)	Matthew Hughes (DS Unit)

Date	Schools Visited	Committee / EB Member Present	Local Member(s)	Governor(s)	Officer(s)
Friday 24th June 2016	Tremoilet, Pendine Llanmiloe Laugharne	Cllr. Eirwyn Williams Cllr. Cefin Campbell Cllr. Mansel Charles Cllr. Ieuan Wyn Davies Cllr. Gwyn Hopkins Cllr. Jean Lewis Cllr. Hugh Richards Cllr. Tom Theophilus Mrs. Vera Kenny (RC Church Rep).	Cllr. Jane Tremlett (Laugharne Township)	Cllr. Jane Tremlett (Tremoilet and Laugharne) Mr. Jamie Rugg (Llanmiloe)	Matthew Hughes (DS Unit)

6. Attendance at Feedback / Discussion Meetings

Date	Committee Members Present	Officer(s)
21st January 2016	Councillors Ryan Bartlett, Mansel Charles, Gwyn Hopkins, Peter Hughes-Griffiths, John James, Jean Lewis, Tom Theophilus, Eirwyn Williams, Gareth Jones (EBM) as well as Mrs. Vera Kenny (RC Church Representative)	Matthew Hughes (DS Unit)
14th April 2016	Councillors Ryan Bartlett, Cefin Campbell, Mansel Charles, Gwyn Hopkins, Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Jean Lewis, Hugh Richards, Tom Theophilus, Eirwyn Williams, as well as Mrs. Vera Kenny (RC Church Representative), Mrs Emma Heyes and Mrs. Kate Hill (Parent Governor Representatives)	Matthew Hughes (DS Unit)
17th June 2016	Councillors Ryan Bartlett, Cefin Campbell, Mansel Charles, Gwyn Hopkins, Peter Hughes-Griffiths, John James, Jean Lewis, Hugh Richards, Tom Theophilus, Eirwyn Williams, as well as Mrs. Vera Kenny (RC Church Representative), Mrs. Kate Hill and Mrs. Alex Pickles (Parent Governor Representatives)	Matthew Hughes (DS Unit)
29th June 2016	Councillors Ryan Bartlett, Mansel Charles, Ieuan Davies, Gwyn Hopkins, Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Jean Lewis, Tom Theophilus, Eirwyn Williams, as well as Mrs. Vera Kenny (RC Church Representative)	Matthew Hughes (DS Unit)

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7.1 Appendix 1 – Details of all schools visited during 2009/10

Date	School	Electoral Ward	Category
Friday 13th November 2009	Peniel CP	Abergwili	WM
	Ysgol Cae'r Felin CP, Pencader	Llanfihangel-ar-Arth	WM
	Llanllwni VCP	Llanfihangel-ar-Arth	WM
	Ysgol Carreg Hirfaen CP, Cwmann	Llanybydder	WM
Thursday 10th December 2009	Dyffryn Taf Comprehensive School, Whitland	Whitland	EM (Secondary)
	Whitland CP	Whitland	DS
	Ysgol Beca CP, Efailwen	Llanboidy	WM
	Ysgol Bro Brynach CP, Llanboidy	Llanboidy	WM
Thursday 11th March 2010	Brynsaron CP, Saron (Llandysul)	Llangeler	WM
	Penboyr VAP, Drefach-Felindre	Llangeler	WM
	Ysgol Gyfun Emlyn, Newcastle Emlyn	Cenarth	EM (Secondary)
	Ysgol y Ddwylan CP, Newcastle Emlyn	Cenarth	WM
Monday 29th March 2010	Llanedi CP	Hendy	EM
	Pen-y-Groes CP	Pen-y-Groes	WM
	Saron CP	Saron	TR
	Tycroes CP	Tycroes	EM
Friday 23rd April 2010	Tremoilet VCP, Pendine	Laugharne Township	EM
	Llanmiloe CP	Laugharne Township	EM
	Laugharne VCP	Laugharne Township	EM
	Ysgol Griffith Jones CP, St. Clears	St. Clears	DS
Monday 24th May 2010	Abergwili VCP	Abergwili	WM
	Richmond Park CP, Carmarthen	Carmarthen Town South	EM
	Llangynnwr CP School	Llangynnwr	DS

Friday 18th June 2010	Ysgol y Castell, Kidwelly	Kidwelly	EM
	Burry Port Infants School	Pembrey	EM
	Burry Port Juniors School	Burry Port	EM
	Glan-y-Môr Comprehensive, Burry Port	Pembrey	EM (Secondary)
Wednesday 7th July 2010	Pontyberem CP School	Pontyberem	WM
	Bancffosfelen CP School	Pontyberem	WM

7.2 Appendix 2 – Details of all schools visited during 2010/11

Date	School	Electoral Ward	Category
Tuesday 16th November 2010	Amman Valley Comprehensive, Ammanford	Ammanford	CB (Secondary)
	Ysgol Y Bedol CP, Garnant	Garnant	TR
	Brynaman CP	Cwarter Bach	WM
Monday 29th November 2010	Ffairfach CP School (near Llandeilo)	Llandeilo	WM
	Tre-Gib Comprehensive School, Ffairfach	Llandeilo	CB (Secondary)
Monday 14th February 2011	Johnstown CP School, Carmarthen	Carmarthen Town South	EM
	Queen Elizabeth High School, Carmarthen	Carmarthen Town South	EW (Secondary)
Friday 18th March 2011	Cross Hands CP School	Llannon	WM
	Llechyfedach CP School	Llannon	WM
	Llannon CP School	Llannon	WM
	Tumble CP School	Llannon	WM
Wednesday 18th May 2011	Hafodwenog CP School, Trelech	Trelech	WM
	Meidrim CP School	Trelech	WM
	Abernant CP School	Trelech	WM
	Bancyfelin CP School	St. Clears	WM
Friday 17th June 2011	Llanybydder CP School	Llanybydder	WM
	Rhydcymerau CP School	Llanybydder	WM
	Llansawel CP School	Cynwyl Gaeo	WM
	Talley CP School	Manordeilo a Salem	WM
Wednesday 22nd June 2011	Bigyn CP School, Llanelli	Bigyn	EM
	Maes-y-Morfa CP School, Llanelli	Glan-y-Môr	EW

7.3 Appendix 3 – Details of all schools visited during 2011/12

Date	School	Electoral Ward	Category
Monday 3rd October 2011	Hendy CP School	Hendy	DS
	Llangennech Infants School	Llangennech	DS
	Llangennech Junior School	Llangennech	DS
	Bryn CP School	Llangennech	EM
	Brynsierfel CP School, Llanelli	Llwynhendy	WM
Thursday 17th November 2011	Pwll CP School	Hengoed	EM
	Five Roads CP School	Glyn	WM
	Trimsaran CP School	Trimsaran	DS
	Pembrey CP School	Pembrey	EM
Friday 25th November 2011	Heol Goffa Special School, Llanelli	Elli	Special
	Ysgol Y Felin CP, Llanelli	Felinfoel	DS
Friday 3rd February 2012	Myrddin CP School, Carmarthen	Carmarthen Town North	EM
	Ysgol-y-Dderwen CP, Carmarthen	Carmarthen Town North	WM
	Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin, Carmarthen	St. Ishmael	AB (Secondary)
Tuesday 28th February 2012	Carwe CP School	Llangyndeyrn	WM
	Gwynfryn CP School, Pont-iets	Llangyndeyrn	WM
	Pont-iets CP School	Glyn	WM
	Pont-Henri CP School	Glyn	WM
Friday 16th March 2012	Nantgaredig CP School	Llanegwad	WM
	Brechfa CP School	Llanegwad	WM

7.4 Appendix 4 – Details of all schools visited during 2012/13

Date	School	Electoral Ward	Category
Tuesday 16th October 2012	Bynea CP	Bynea	EM
	Bryn Teg CP, Llanelli	Llwynhendy	EM
	Halfway CP, Llanelli	Dafen	EM
	Dafen CP, Llanelli	Dafen	EM
Wednesday 14th November 2012	Betws CP	Betws	TR
	Ammanford Nursery	Ammanford	DS
	Parcyrhun CP, Ammanford	Ammanford	DS
	Llandybie CP	Llandybie	TR
Monday 25th February 2013	Ysgol Gyfun y Strade, Llanelli	Hengoed	AB (Secondary)
	Old Road CP, Llanelli	Lliedi	EM
	Swiss Valley CP, Llanelli	Swiss Valley	EW
	Stebonheath CP, Llanelli	Bigyn	EW
Wednesday 20th March 2013	Cynwyl Elfed CP	Cynwyl Elfed	WM
	Llanpumsaint CP	Cynwyl Elfed	WM
Tuesday 30th April 2013	Ysgol Gymraeg Rhydaman	Ammanford	WM
	Bro Banw CP, Ammanford	Ammanford	DS
Wednesday 22nd May 2013	Llanddarog VCP	Llanddarog	WM
	Maes-y-Bont CP	Llanfihangel Aberbythych	WM
	Blaenau CP	Pen-y-Groes	WM

Date	School	Electoral Ward	Category
Wednesday 19th June 2013	Llanwrda CP	Cil-y-Cwm	WM
	Llangadog CP	Llangadog	WM
Monday 8th July 2013	Llangain CP	Llansteffan	WM
	Llansteffan CP	Llansteffan	WM

7.5 Appendix 5 – Details of all schools / children’s centres visited during 2013/14

Date	School	Electoral Ward	Category
Wednesday 2nd October 2013	Y Fro CP (Llangyndeyrn Unit)	Llangyndeyrn	WM
	Y Fro CP (Idole Unit)	St. Ishmaels	WM
	Ferryside VCP	St. Ishmaels	WM
Monday 11th November 2013	Model VAP, Carmarthen	Carmarthen Town West	EM
	Rhyd-y-Gors Special School, Carmarthen	Carmarthen Town South	Special
Wednesday 5th February 2014	Felinfoel Children’s Centre, Llanelli	Felinfoel	N/A
	Penygaer CP, Llanelli	Lliedi	EM
	Bryngwyn Comprehensive, Llanelli	Dafen	EM
Wednesday 19th March 2014	Gorslas CP	Gorslas	WM
	Cefneithin CP	Gorslas	WM
	Drefach CP	Gorslas	WM
Friday 4th April 2014	Richmond Park, Carmarthen	Carmarthen Town South	EM
	St. Mary’s RCP, Carmarthen	Carmarthen Town West	EM
Monday 19th May 2014	Morfa Family Centre, Llanelli	Glan-y-Môr	N/A
	Maes-y-Morfa CP School, Llanelli	Glan-y-Môr	EM
	Pentip VAP, Llanelli	Elli	EM
	Coedcae Comprehensive, Llanelli	Bigyn	EM
Friday 20th June 2014	Llwynhendy Family Centre, Llanelli	Llwynhendy	N/A
	St. Mary’s RCP, Llanelli	Dafen	EM
	St. John Lloyd RC Comprehensive, Llanelli	Dafen	EM

7.6 Appendix 6 – Details of all schools / children’s centres visited during 2014/15

Date	School	Electoral Ward	Category
Wednesday 22nd October 2014	Mynydd-y-Garreg CP School	Kidwelly	WM
	Maes-y-Gwendraeth Secondary School (Drefach and Cefneithin Campuses)	Drefach	2A (Secondary)
Monday 10th November 2014	Llansadwrn CP School	Cil-y-Cwm	WM
	Rhys Prichard CP School, Llandovery	Llandovery	TR
	Bro Dinefwr Secondary School (Pantycelyn Campus)	Llandovery	2B (Secondary)
Wednesday 4th February 2015	Ysgol Y Felin, Llanelli	Felinfoel	DS
	Ysgol Ffwrnes, Llanelli	Hengoed	WM
	Ysgol Brynsierfel, Llanelli	Llwynhendy	WM
Thursday 19th March 2015	Copperworks Infant CP, Llanelli	Tŷ-Isha	EM
	Lakefield CP, Llanelli	Tŷ-Isha	EM
	Ysgol Dewi Sant, Llanelli	Lliedi	WM
Wednesday 22nd April 2015	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwenllian, Kidwelly	Kidwelly	WM
	Ysgol Gymraeg Parc-y-Tywyn, Burry Port	Pembrey	WM
Tuesday 19th May 2015	Ysgol Gymraeg Teilo Sant, Llandeilo	Llandeilo	WM
	Llandeilo CP School	Llandeilo	EM

7.7 Appendix 7 – Details of all schools / children’s centres visited during 2015/16

Date	School	Electoral Ward	Category
Wednesday 7th October 2015	Cwrt Henri	Llanegwad	WM
	Nantgaredig	Llanegwad	WM
	Llangynnwr	Llangynnwr	DS
Tuesday 24th November 2015	Children’s Services, Morfa, Llanelli	Glan-y-Môr	N/A
	Tŷ Mair Family Centre, Burry Port	Burry Port	Family Centre
Monday 8th February 2016	Brynsaron	Llangeler	WM
	Cae’r Felin, Pencader	Llanfihangel-ar-Arth	WM
	Peniel	Abergwili	WM
Thursday 17th March 2016	Y Bedol, Garnant	Garnant	WM
	Dyffryn Aman Comprehensive, Ammanford	Ammanford	2B (Secondary)
Tuesday 26th April 2016	Ysgol Gyfun Emlyn, Newcastle Emlyn	Cenarth	EM (Secondary)
	Penboyr, Drefach-Felindre	Llangeler	WM
Tuesday 24th May 2016	Tycroes	Tycroes	EM
	Llanedi	Hendy	EM
	Hendy	Hendy	DS
Tuesday 14th June 2016	Llanddarog	Llanddarog	WM
	Bancffosfelen	Pontyberem	WM
	Pontyberem	Pontyberem	WM
	Y Fro, Llangyndeyrn	Llangyndeyrn	WM

Date	School	Electoral Ward	Category
Friday 24th June 2016	Tremoilet, Pendine	Laugharne Township	EM
	Llanmiloe	Laugharne Township	EM
	Laugharne	Laugharne Township	EM

8. Glossary of Terms

2A (Secondary) – At least 80% of subjects apart from English and Welsh are taught only through the medium of Welsh to all pupils. One or two subjects are taught to some pupils in English or in both languages.

2B (Secondary) – At least 80% of subjects (excluding Welsh and English) are taught through the medium of Welsh but are also taught through the medium of English.

AB (Secondary) – At least 80% of subjects apart from English and Welsh are taught only through the medium of Welsh to all pupils. One or two subjects are taught to some pupils in English or in both languages.

CB (Secondary) – A bilingual secondary school where 50-79% of subjects (ex. English & Welsh) are taught through the medium of Welsh but are also taught through the medium of English.

CP School – Community Primary School

DS (Dual-Stream Primary School) – Two types of provision exist side-by-side in these schools. Parents/pupils opt either for the mainly Welsh-medium or mainly English-medium provision which is usually delivered as in categories and 5 respectively. Both Welsh and English are used in the day to day business of the school. The language of communication with the pupils is determined by the nature of the curricular provision, but in some schools high priority is given to creating a Welsh-language ethos throughout the school. The school communicates with parents in both languages.

DS Unit – Democratic Services Unit

E&C – Education & Children

EBM – Executive Board Member

EM (Primary) – Predominantly English medium primary school.

EM (Secondary) – Predominantly English medium school where 1 or 2 subjects may be taught through the medium of Welsh as an option.

ESTYN – Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales

EW (Primary) – Predominantly English medium primary school but with significant use of Welsh.

EW (Secondary) – Predominantly English medium secondary school with significant use of Welsh. 20-49 % of subjects are taught through the medium of Welsh but are also taught in English.

RC – Roman Catholic

RCP – Roman Catholic Primary

TAF – Team Around the Family

Transitional Primary School (TR) – Welsh medium with significant use of English where pupils in the Foundation Phase experience the areas of learning mainly through the medium of Welsh. Both languages are used in teaching at Key Stage 2 but with greater emphasis on Welsh, so that Welsh is used as the medium of instruction for over half and up to 70% of the curriculum. Welsh is the language of the day to day business of the school. A high priority is given to creating a Welsh ethos. The school communicates with parents in both languages. Schools would usually only be in this category on a temporary basis.

VAP School – Voluntary Aided Primary School

VCP School – Voluntary Controlled Primary School

WM (Primary) – All pupils in the Foundation Phase experience the areas of learning through the medium of Welsh. Welsh is the main teaching medium at Key Stage 2 with at least 70% of the teaching through the medium of Welsh. English is introduced formally as a subject at Key Stage 2 and is taught through the medium of English, and English may occasionally be used for some aspects of some subjects. Welsh is the language of the day to day business of the school. Welsh is used as the language of communication with the pupils and for the school's administration. The school communicates with parents in both languages.

Ysgol Gyfun – Comprehensive School

**Members are asked to note that the school capacities, pupil numbers and other details (e.g. head teachers) were correct at the time of the visits but that these can vary or change during the course of an academic year.*

***Language category definitions sourced from the Welsh Assembly Government's 'Defining schools according to Welsh medium provision' information booklet, published in October 2007.*