

Education Children Scrutiny Committee Actions 2017-2018

Ref No	Meeting Date	Recommendation / Action / Referral	Description	Progress Update	Member / Officer	Status
E&C 001-17/18	27th November 2017	Action	School Budgets - Resolved that the Committee receive an update report on School Budgets at a future meeting.	An updated report was presented to Committee on 21st December 2017 following an all-member Budget Seminar on 20th December 2017.	Andi Morgan	COMPLETED
E&C 002-17/18	27th November 2017	Action	TIC Programme Update - Resolved that the Committee receive an update report in 6 months' time.	Update report was presented to Committee on 14th May, 2018.	Andi Morgan	COMPLETED
E&C 003-17/18	27th November 2017	Action	Non Submission - ERW Business Plan 2017/18 and Review of 2016/17 (including update on curriculum changes)	An update report on curriculum changes was presented to Committee on 14th May, 2018. The ERW Business Plan 2017/18 and Review of 2016/17 will be presented to Committee on 20th December.	Andi Morgan	COMPLETED
E&C 004-17/18	27th November 2017	Action	Non Submission - Fostering Annual Report	The report was presented to Committee on 23rd April, 2018.	Stefan Smith	COMPLETED
E&C 005-17/18	21st December 2017	Action	Revenue Budget Strategy Consultation - Resolved that, whilst noting the proposals for the delivery of efficiency savings for the Education & Children Department, as detailed in Appendix A(i) to the report, the Committee's concerns regarding any reduction in respite care provision be relayed to the Executive Board.	Conveyed as part of the consultation on the budget.	Gareth Morgans	COMPLETED
E&C 006-17/18	21st December 2017	Action	Education & Children Departmental Draft Business Plan - Also Arising: Committee requested an update report on Band A projects.	Report presented to Committee at the meeting held on 25th January 2018.	Simon Davies	COMPLETED
E&C 007-17/18	21st December 2017	Action	Forthcoming Items - RESOLVED that the list of forthcoming items include a report on the establishment of a Task and Finish Group be considered at the next scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, 25th January, 2018 be noted.	Report presented to Committee at the meeting held on 14th March 2018.	Michelle Evans Thomas / Gareth Morgans	COMPLETED
E&C 008-17/18	25th January 2018	Action	School Performance & Achievement 2016/17 - Resolved that a report be presented to a future meeting of the Committee on the steps being taken by the Authority to attract more people into teaching and to attract more teachers to progress to become headteachers.	Officers are preparing a summary of current activities undertaken to support this crucial piece of work. A report will be submitted to Committee on 5th July 2018.	Andi Morgan	COMPLETED

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E&C 009-17/18	25th January 2018	Action	MEP Proposal to Provide Nursery Provision at Ysgol Parc-y-Tywyn by Increasing Its Age Range from 4-11 to 3-11 - Resolved to endorse to the Executive Board the publication of a Statutory Notice to implement the proposal to provide nursery provision at Ysgol Parc-y-Tywyn by increasing its age range from 4-11 to 3-11.	Report presented to the Executive Board meeting held on 26th February, 2018.	Simon Davies	COMPLETED
E&C 010-17/18	25th January 2018	Action	MEP Proposal to Increase the Capacity of Gorslas Community Primary School From 110 to 210 - Resolved to endorse to the Executive Board the publication of a Statutory Notice to implement the proposal to increase the capacity of Gorslas Community Primary School from 110 to 210.	Report presented to the Executive Board meeting held on 26th February, 2018.	Simon Davies	COMPLETED
E&C 011-17/18	25th January 2017	Action	School Performance & Achievement 2016/17 - Members requested further information in relation to the difference between authorised and unauthorised absences	Officers prepared a further analysis as requested. Members were provided with an updated data set on 23rd April, 2018.	Andi Morgan	COMPLETED
E&C 012-17/18	25th January 2018	Action	School Performance & Achievement 2016/17 - Members asked for information regarding whether the fact that some children don't want to go to school during the last few weeks of the summer term because they don't have any work to do and tend to watch DVDs has any impact on attendance statistics	Members were provided with an additional commentary in response to this query on 23rd April, 2018.	Andi Morgan	COMPLETED
E&C 013-17/18	25th January 2018	Action	School Performance & Achievement 2016/17 - Members asked for more detailed data in relation to those schools which are causing concern and in particular those schools where English is weak in the Foundation Phase	Officers will prepare an overview of SCC follow up findings of current ERW Core Visits (Spring/Summer Term 2018) and will present to Committee on 5th July, 2018.	Andi Morgan	COMPLETED
E&C 014-17/18	25th January 2018	Action	School Leadership and Data Contextual Paper 2016/17 - Members asked for information regarding trends	Members were provided with an additional data set in response to this query on 23rd April, 2018.	Andi Morgan	COMPLETED
E&C 015-17/18	25th January 2018	Action	Carmarthenshire 11-19 Curriculum Review Update - Members requested information regarding the number of apprenticeships in Carmarthenshire and how do we compare with the rest of Wales	Members were provided with an updated commentary in response to this query on 23rd April, 2018.	Andi Morgan	COMPLETED
E&C 016-17/18	25th January 2018	Action	Forthcoming Items - Members asked whether, as part of the school visits programme, arrangements could be made for members to speak to the school's ALN Co-ordinator to see how they provide the service at their school	This element has been built into the School Visit Programme. It will be rolled out during the forthcoming Spring Term visits and reviewed accordingly.	Andi Morgan	COMPLETED

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E&C 017-17/18	14th March 2018	Action	Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report - Committee to receive a report later in the year on School Redundancy and EVR detailing the approach taken and the progress made	A report will be presented to Committee on 26th November, 2018.	Andi Morgan / Susannah Nolan	COMPLETED
E&C 018-17/18	14th March 2018	Action	Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report - Committee to receive a report at a future meeting on the recruitment and retention of staff.	To be included in the FWP and blended with the response to E&C 008-17/18 for presentation to Committee on 26th November, 2018.	Andi Morgan / Julie Stuart	COMPLETED
E&C 019-17/18	14th March 2018	Action	Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report - Committee to receive a report at a future meeting on the problems being faced by the county's Music Service.	Report to be presented to Committee at the meeting to be held on 5th July, 2018.	Aeron Rees	COMPLETED
E&C 020-17/18	14th March 2018	Action	Elective Home Education Update - Committee to receive a report at a future meeting regarding the positive behaviour approaches being implemented by the Authority in relation to bullying.	Report to be presented to Committee at the meeting to be held on 5th July, 2018.	Andi Morgan	COMPLETED
E&C 021-17/18	14th March 2018	Action	Elective Home Education Update - officers to draft a letter to the Welsh Government expressing the Committee's concerns with regard to the problems being experienced with home schooled and flexi schooled children, for approval by the Committee prior to despatch.	Letter drafted and translated and circulated to members of the Committee. Several positive responses received from Committee members. Letter dispatched in the Chair's name.	Aeron Rees	COMPLETED
E&C 022-17/18	23rd April 2018	Action	WESP - the Committee to receive an update report on case studies involving the transfer of pupils from primary to secondary schools.	To be included in the FWP.	Aeron Rees	IN PROGRESS
E&C 023-17/18	23rd April 2018	Action	Draft New Corporate Strategy 2018-23 - In future the entire strategy to be brought to Committee with the Education & Children elements highlighted.	Request to include the entire strategy document in future has been passed on to Rob James, Performance Planning and Business Officer, whose team prepare the Corporate Strategy for all Scrutiny Committee meetings.	Jonathan Buck	COMPLETED
E&C 024-17/18	23rd April 2018	Action	Draft New Corporate Strategy 2018-23 - With regard to the statement in the report "We aim to keep the percentage of looked after children ... to a minimum". The Committee felt that this should say "We will continue to reduce...". Officers agreed to check and change the wording if possible.	The wording "We aim to keep the percentage of looked after children... to a minimum" will be kept as the target for this measure has been set to remain constant to the result of the previous year (4.0%). We haven't set a target to reduce this measure, therefore we can't state this.	Jonathan Buck	COMPLETED