

**EDUCATION, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
23 JANUARY 2023**

**THE CURRICULUM FOR WALES AND SUPPORT PROVIDED FOR
SCHOOLS**

Purpose:

To provide the scrutiny committee with an overview of the support available to schools to implement the Curriculum for Wales. Please note that support is provided by the Partneriaeth region, as well as the Education and Children's Services (ECS) department.

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

Consider the findings of the report and the strategic direction of the region and the department in moving forward.

Reasons:

- Following a request for information from the scrutiny committee.
- Following concerns raised regarding the engagement of schools in regional provision and the impact of curriculum support on schools' development.

To be referred to the Cabinet / Council for decision: No

Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder:-

Cllr. Glynog Davies, Education and Welsh Language

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This report is written in response to a request for information from the ECS Scrutiny committee.

The aim is to briefly provide the current context regarding schools' implementation of the Curriculum for Wales, focussing predominantly on the support that is available for schools.

The report also aims to outline some of the challenges regarding curriculum implementation and the key focus areas for this academic year, sharing some of the actions in place.

Discussions regarding the delivery of curriculum support and related matters will inform future actions.

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:

Signed: Elin Forsyth Strategic Lead for School Effectiveness

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
None	NONE	YES	None	Yes	YES	NONE

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

We will need to ensure that all schools are well supported in implementing the Curriculum for Wales and that all learners, irrespective of need, achieve good progress in line with the four purposes of the curriculum.

Finance

We need to ensure that all funding ensures high quality support for curriculum development and value for money at all times.

Risk Management Issues

Failure to support schools effectively in implementing the new curriculum for Wales will lead to a lack of suitable progress for learners in their skills and knowledge development. Learning environments and experiences need to be fit for purpose, authentic and effectively equipping our children and young people for their futures.

Staffing Implications

Consideration may be needed regarding staff deployment in relation to any updated strategies relating to the local authority and to the region to ensure effective use of financial resources.

**CABINET 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.