

To:
Cllr. Darren Price
Chair of Partneriath Joint Committee

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Dear Councillor Price

Partneriath Scrutiny Councillor Group – 24 October 2022

The Scrutiny Councillor Group would like to thank Ian Altman, Lead Officer and Helen Morgan Rees, Lead Director for attending our meeting, for presenting the information we requested and answering our questions. I am writing to you to reflect on our views from the meeting.

In this, our first meeting, we received an overview of the role of Partneriaeth and the legal agreement and received feedback from your Partneriaeth Joint Committee meeting on the 7 October 2023. We heard that it is an exciting and challenging time for schools with the introduction of the New Curriculum. We were pleased to hear the effective support for schools and school clusters was seen as a key priority. We were particularly pleased to hear that support for individual schools will be available if needed. We wished to emphasise the importance of good consistent support for teachers who are transitioning to using the New Curriculum, as some may find it more challenging than others. We were also especially pleased to hear that team work is now front and centre of this new partnership and about how this has and will inform the Business Plan moving forward.

We discussed and agreed our Forward Work Programme for this school year. Our meetings will coincide with your Joint Committee meetings, so that we can look at what is discussed and give our views. We will meet with yourself and the Lead Directors this year, consider the Business Plan, Financial matters, the risk profile and at each meeting we will receive an update on the progress in the implementation of the New Curriculum. We have agreed to receive an update on the implementation of the six Partneriaeth key priorities and we will do this in a rolling programme, one at each of our meetings.

We would welcome your thoughts on the contents of this letter but on this occasion do not require a formal written response.

Yours sincerely,

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