

Education, Young People and the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee - Actions & Referrals 2022/23

| Action No. | Meeting Date | Recommendation/Minute Text / Action Required | Progress Update | Responsible Member(s) / Officer(s) | Status |
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| EYP&WL22/23-01 | 01.09.2022 | FORWARD WORK PLANNING SESSION: a workshop be arranged in early 2023 to provide information on the Post 16 Review, Vocational Qualifications and NEETs. The Workshop to include an analysis of the gaps in supply of workers locally, together with funding issues associated with NEETs. The final report to be presented to the Committee on 16.03.2023 | Date set for 10.02.2023 | Julian Dessent, Curriculum & Learning Network Manager | complete |
| EYP&WL22/23-02 | | FORWARD WORK PLANNING SESSION: Given the change in membership following the 2022 local government elections, the Chair requested that previous reports on Elective Home Education (EHE) be circulated to the Committee. This information will determine what further reports/information should be requested by the Committee going forward given that the Council was limited in terms of funding and powers to progress this matter. | Previous reports and WG statistics circulated to the Committee 13/12/2022 | Jan Coles, Head of Children's Services / Julie Owens, Democratic Services Officer | complete |
| EYP&WL22/23-03 | 01.09.2022 | FORWARD WORK PLANNING SESSION: Workshop on Self Evaluation and School Data to be provided as soon as possible. | Workshop delivered on 18.10.2022 | Heads of Services | complete |
| EYP&WL22/23-04 | 01.09.2022 | FORWARD WORK PLANNING SESSION: Members, in recognising the benefits of site visits, expressed a desire to resume these in 2023 on the provision that schools were comfortable in hosting site visits. | Request made on 31.01.23 for Education department to arrange a visit with Ysgol Gynradd Gorslas. AT to arrange site visit schedule | Aneirin Thomas, Head of Education and Inclusion Services | |
| EYP&WL22/23-05 | 01.09.2022 & 13.09.2022 | FORWARD WORK PLANNING SESSION AND SCORING MATRIX SESSION: An information note to be circulated to all County Councillors to provide an update on the progress made with the roll-out of the provision of free school meals . Furthermore, an update report to be circulated setting out how the Eligibility for Free School Meals (EFSM) categorisation issue has been addressed and will be measured going forward. | Regular updates provided to ALL MEMBERS in the Councilor news bulletins- latest update provided w/c 27th April. Carmarthenshire Catering Service on track to deliver in line with Welsh Government expectations. If possible, we will roll-out earlier than proposed. | Gareth Morgans, Director of Education and Children's Services. | complete |
| EYP&WL22/23-06 | 01.09.2022 | FORWARD WORK PLANNING SESSION: A development session to be arranged setting out the role and remit of the Committee following confirmation of its revised Terms of Reference. | Development session provided on 01.12.2022 | Gareth Morgans, Director of Education and Children's Services / Linda Rees Jones, Head of Administration and Law | complete |
| EYP&WL22/23-07 | 13.09.2022 | SCORING MATRIX SESSION: The Education department to determine appropriate date for a report to be presented to the Committee on "Transformation, Innovation Change (TIC), including school budgets". | Incorporated into the Forward Work Plan 2022/23 - report to be presented 16.03.2023 | Heads of Service/ Gareth Morgans, Director of Education and Children's Services | complete |
| EYP&WL22/23-08 | 13.09.2022 | SCORING MATRIX SESSION: possible report to be provided on the topic of "Team Around the Family", if considered to be within the remit of the Committee. | Discussed at the Forward Work Planning Session on 23.01.2023 whereby it was concluded that the item is not relevant to the terms and reference of the committee. The item has been removed from the Forward Work Plan. | All Members / Gareth Morgans, Director of Education and Children's Services | complete |
| EYP&WL22/23-09 | 13.09.2022 & 27.01.23 | SCORING MATRIX SESSION: The Education department to determine an appropriate date for a report to be presented to the Committee on "Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme". | update 27/01/23 - Consultation with the Committee to be undertaken by way of a Workshop on the Carmarthenshire's Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme. Education and Children's Services department to confirm date with Democratic Services for arrangements to be made (Spring 2023). Update 26/04/23 - The update of the Modernising Education Programme (reverting to original name) will be completed during the Summer term. A workshop is planned for all Members to outline progress and draft approaches to reviewing our schools and investment priorities. | Heads of Service/ Gareth Morgans, Director of Education and Children's Services | complete |
| EYP&WL22/23-10 | 13.09.2022 | SCORING MATRIX SESSION: The Education department to determine an appropriate date for a report to be presented to the Committee on the provision of education post-COVID. Committee Members to set out the report requirements. | Considered at the Forward Work Plan session 23.01.23 whereby Officers agreed to circulate an Estyn report to Committee Members. Any further information can then be requested by members in line with Scrutiny Procedure Rules. | Education and Children's Services department. | |
| EYP&WL22/23-11 | 01.09.22 & 13.09.202 | FORWARD PLANNING SESSION AND SCORING MATRIX SESSION: Report on the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) to be considered by the Committee following publication of the first year annual report. | Incorporated into the Forward Work Plan for 2023/24 (July 2023) | Julie Owens, Democratic Services Officer | complete |

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| EYP&WL22/23-12 | 01.09.2022 & 13.09.2022 | FORWARD PLANNING SESSION AND SCORING MATRIX SESSION: Further information on the Welsh in Education Forum terms of reference and membership be circulated to the Committee. | circulated to the Committee in 13.01.2023 | Gareth Morgans, Director of Education and Children's Services / Head of Service | complete |
| EYP&WL22/23-13 | 06/10/2022 | EDUCATION AND CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22 Typographical correction to section 6.2.3 of the report which would be updated to reflect that the committee had considered its report in 2021. | report updated on 06/10/2022. | Julie Owens, Democratic Services Officer | complete |
| EYP&WL22/23-14 | 06/10/2022 | EDUCATION, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PLAN FOR 2022/23 A request was made for an update on the recommendations from the School Organisation Consultation Process Task and Finish Group report to be incorporated into the Forward Work Plan. | incorporated into the Forward Work Plan for May 2023 | Education and Children's Services department. | complete |
| EYP&WL22/23-15 | 06/10/2022 | FORTHCOMING ITEMS - Cabinet Member for Health and Social Services to be invited to the next meeting to present the Carmarthenshire Youth Justice Plan | The Cabinet Member for Health and Social Services presented the Youth Justice Plan at the Scrutiny Meeting held on 01/12/2022 | Democratic Services Officer | complete |
| EYP&WL22/23-16 | 18/10/2022 | SELF EVALUATION AND SCHOOL DATA WORKSHOP - Survey to be distributed to Parent Governors to collate data, including the issues experienced with the HWB platform, with a view to providing appropriate support in their roles. | Lowriand Tanya developing survey to gather views of ict etc | Elin Forsyth, Head of School Effectiveness | In progress |
| EYP&WL22/23-17 | 01/12/2022 | YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN - the graphical representation set out at page 19 of the Youth Justice Plan pertaining to 'offence type' had been condensed and would therefore be re-issued to the Committee with the full information. | Updated graph and key circulated to Committee Members on 05/12/2022 | Gill Adams, Youth Support Service Principal Manager | Complete |
| EYP&WL22/23-18 | 01/12/2022 | YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN - Future reports to contain a comprehensive glossary to explain the full list of abbreviations, and keys would be provided to enable readers to easily interpret the graphical representations. | Noted for the Youth Justice Plan 2023/24 | Aeron Rees, Head of Strategy and Learner Support / Gill Adams, Youth Support Service Principal Manager | complete |
| EYP&WL22/23-19 | 01/12/2022 | DRAFT COUNTY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22 Page 19 - " <i>Well-being Objective 1 Start Well - Help to give every child the best start in life and improve their early life experiences</i> ". Wording on graphs to be reviewed in terms of accuracy because, whilst the long-term trend has reduced, the figures for 2021/22 represent an increase on the previous year. | It was agreed that a better word to use should have been 'declined' rather than 'reduced', however this amendment was missed in the quick turn-around of publishing the report. The points raised will be taken on board for future reports. | John Buck, Performance and Information Officer | complete |
| EYP&WL22/23-20 | 01/12/2022 | DRAFT COUNTY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22 - Comparable information between the level of EU grant funding and the Shared Prosperity Fund to be provided to the Committee in due course. | information circulated to the Committee on 14.03.2023 | Aeron Rees, Head of Strategy and Learner Support | complete |
| EYP&WL22/23-21 | 01/12/2022 | DRAFT COUNTY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22 - An update on the ongoing work within the Authority to tackle poverty in the education system to be circulated to the Committee in due course. | information circulated to the Committee on 14.03.2023 | Aeron Rees, Head of Strategy and Learner Support | complete |
| EYP&WL22/23-22 | 01/12/2022 | EXPLANATION FOR NON-SUBMISSION OF SCRUTINY REPORT - The report on 'Support for curriculum development across the schools in Carmarthenshire' to be provided to Committee at its meeting on 23.01.23. Representatives from PARTNERIAETH to be invited. | Considered at the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 23.01.23 | Elin Forsyth, Head of School Effectiveness / Julie Owens, Democratic Services Officer / John Buck, Performance and Information Officer | complete |
| EYP&WL22/23-23 | 27/01/23 | Alternative Outdoor Education Offer – scheduled to be considered at Cabinet on 27.03.23. Chair has agreed that the Cabinet report is to be circulated to Committee in due course. Members can then request any further information or a specific report to the Committee if required. | Report circulated to Scrutiny Members by email on 02.02.23 | Ian Jones, Head of Leisure | complete |
| EYP&WL22/23-24 | 27/01/2023 | School Cluster Groups. Education and Children's Services department to provide a list of School Cluster Groups for circulation to the Committee. | EF to share all cluster groups. | Elin Forsyth, Head of School Effectiveness / | ongoing |
| EYP&WL22/23-25 | 27/01/2023 | Glossary of Terms. Education and Children's Services department to produce a generic glossary of terms of frequently used abbreviations which can then be added to the Committee agenda pack template. | | All Heads of Service | ongoing |
| EYP&WL22/23-26 | 24/03/2023 | Schools Transformation Programme. Request that headteachers circulate the benchmarking data 2022/23 to School Governors. Allan Carter to attend the next meeting of the Governors Forum to provide an overview of the work undertaken by the Schools Transformation Programme. | Secondary Headteachers have been advised to share this information with Governors. | Gareth Mogans / Allan Carter | ongoing |

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| EYP&WL22/23-27 | 24/03/2023 | Explore the possible introduction of taster sessions, or workplace experience as Teaching Assistants for university students to further understand the requirements of the teaching role in order to make informed career choices and encourage completion of the PGC. | We have asked to meet with Swansea University to discuss this in the first instance due to our recent partnership working with them. We are awaiting a response. | Aeron Rees / Julian Dessent | ongoing |
| EYP&WL22/23-28 | 24/03/2023 | Draft Divisional Plans - general update and demonstration of the music service's 'soundtrap' package to be offered to members | | Elin Forsyth | ongoing |
| EYP&WL22/23-29 | 24/03/2023 | Reports on the following topics to be prepared (including copies of the original task and finish reports) to be considered by Committee at an informal session on conclusion of the next Scrutiny meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Update on recommendations from the School Organisation Consultation Process Task and Finish Group •Update on recommendations from the Early Years Task and Finish Group | Ongoing, update on School Organisation and Early Years Task and Finish reports are being presented at the FWP session on the 11th May | Heads of Service | complete |