

# EDUCATION, YOUNG PEOPLE & THE WELSH LANGUAGE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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## AN EVALUATION OF ESTYN INSPECTIONS ACROSS CARMARTHENSHIRE SCHOOLS, PUPIL REFERRAL UNITS AND SPECIALIST SETTINGS

### Purpose:

To provide the Scrutiny Committee with an overview of the outcomes of Estyn inspections, the areas of strength and the recommendations provided.

### To consider and comment on the following issues:

The findings of the report and to inform the strategic direction of the department in moving forward.

### Reasons:

- To ensure that the outcomes of Estyn inspections continue to improve.
- To ensure that schools are well supported in addressing recommendations.

### 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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### 1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

This report is written in response to a request for information from the Education, Young People & the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee to be updated on the outcomes of Estyn inspections.

The report provides an overview of Estyn outcomes for the past five years, noting those schools requested to provide case studies based on effective practice within their schools.

Recommendations following Estyn inspections are shared within the report, noting how these recommendations are analysed and used to inform the business planning and the strategic focus of the department, including how professional learning opportunities are influenced in relation to key themes.

Reference to the Estyn profile during our last Local Authority inspection in 2012 is also provided.

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
<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

### Legal

In accordance with the provisions of Part 2 of the *School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013* (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) and Welsh Government Statutory Guidance Document (222/2017) *Schools Causing Concern* the Education and Children’s services department is required to serve schools with a formal **Warning Notice** should they be placed in a statutory category noting the requirement for immediate improvement.

### Finance

Schools are required to routinely ensure that improvement priorities are met. This could have financial implications depending on the nature of the recommendations and the capacity of the school from a leadership and Teaching and learning perspective.

## CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

**Signed:** **Elin Forsyth**            **Strategic lead for School Effectiveness**

### Relevant Partners

The Education and Children’s Services Department engages each term with the Estyn Local authority link inspector to reflect on the outcomes of Estyn inspections.

Schools, settings and pupil referral units routinely engage with the Education and Children’s services departmental officers addressing school improvement, including the outcomes of Estyn inspections.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO  
HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED- Yes**

**Include any observations here**

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

**THERE ARE NONE**