

# Education, Young People and the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee Forward Plan 2023/24

**FOR THE PERIOD 1 DECEMBER 2023 TO 23 MAY 2024**

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<p>Music Provision for Schools</p> <p>The report will provide an update on the provision and delivery of the music service. An update on the efficiency savings will also be provided.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>1 Dec 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Elin Forsyth, Strategic Lead for School Effectiveness</i> <i>EMForsyth@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>
<p>School Recruitment and Staffing Update</p> <p>The report will provide an update on school recruitment and staffing figures, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-statistics on the number of students applying for and completing Post Graduate Certificates</li> <li>-the number of students completing Post Graduate Certificates through the medium of Welsh</li> <li>-the number of Welsh language medium teachers</li> <li>-recruitment and staffing figures</li> </ul>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>1 Dec 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Aeron Rees, Head of Strategy and Learner Support</i> <i>jarees@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>

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<p>Review of Supply Staff Arrangements in Carmarthenshire</p> <p>The report will enable the Committee to review the cost effectiveness of the current external and determine whether there is scope for an in-house service provision.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>1 Dec 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Elin Forsyth, Strategic Lead for School Effectiveness</i>  <i>EMForsyth@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>
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<p>Revenue &amp; Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2023/24</p> <p>To provide Scrutiny with an update on the latest budgetary position as at 31st August 2023, in respect of 2023/24. The report will be circulated to the Committee for consideration outside the meeting process by email.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>1 Dec 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources, Cabinet Member for Education &amp; Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Chris Moore, Director of Corporate Services</i>  <i>cmoore@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>
<p>Update on Estyn Report Publications</p> <p>The report provides links to the latest Estyn report publications, which will enable the Committee to be appraised of developments/emerging issues. The report will be circulated to the Committee for consideration outside the meeting process by email.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>1 Dec 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Gareth Morgans, Director of Education &amp; Children's Services</i>  <i>edgmorgans@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>

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<p>10 Year Social Services Strategy</p> <p>To provide members with a vision on how the Council will provide the statutory social services functions over the next decade. The document will detail the following areas: Introduction, Vision Statement, The services people receive, Social Work Models of care, Safeguarding, Integration and Partnerships , Workforce and an Action Plan.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>1 Dec 2023</p>	<p>Cllr. Jane Tremlett, Cabinet Member</p>	<p><i>Jake Morgan, Director of Community Services</i> <i><a href="mailto:jakemorgan@carmarthenshire.gov.uk">jakemorgan@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</a></i></p>
<p>Divisional Service Delivery Plans</p> <p>The Divisional Delivery Plans set the strategic actions and measures that the services within the Division will take forward in order for the Council to make progress against its Well-being Objectives, thematic priorities and service priorities.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>31 Jan 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Simon Davies, Head of Access to Education</i> <i><a href="mailto:sidavies@carmarthenshire.gov.uk">sidavies@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</a></i>, <i>Gareth Morgans, Director of Education &amp; Children's Services</i> <i><a href="mailto:edgmorgans@carmarthenshire.gov.uk">edgmorgans@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</a></i>, <i>Aeron Rees, Head of Strategy and Learner Support</i> <i><a href="mailto:jarees@carmarthenshire.gov.uk">jarees@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</a></i>, <i>Aneirin Thomas, Head of Education Services and Inclusion</i> <i><a href="mailto:ARThomas@carmarthenshire.gov.uk">ARThomas@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</a></i>, <i>Jan Coles, Head of Children and Families</i> <i><a href="mailto:jcoles@carmarthenshire.gov.uk">jcoles@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</a></i></p>

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<p>Revenue Budget Strategy Consultation</p> <p>The objective of the report is to allow members to consider the corporate budget strategy and the associated service delivery impact and options for the forthcoming years.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>31 Jan 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources</p>	<p><i>Chris Moore, Director of Corporate Services</i>  <i>cmoore@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>
<p>Update on Childcare Offer for Wales</p> <p>To receive an update on the Childcare Offer for Wales in accordance with its intended primary aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-enable more parents, particularly mothers, to return to work</li> <li>-increase the disposable income of those in work and help counteract poverty for those in low-paid jobs</li> <li>-encourage child development and school readiness</li> </ul>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>31 Jan 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Noeline Thomas, Service Manager</i>  <i>NoThomas@carmarthenshire.gov.uk, Jan Coles, Head of Children and Families</i>  <i>jcoles@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>
<p>Update on the Strategic Focus Groups within the Education and Children's Services Division</p> <p>The report provides a biannual update on the work of the Strategic Focus Groups within the Education and Children's Services Division, with an opportunity for the Committee to input as the work develops departmentally.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>31 Jan 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Aneirin Thomas, Head of Education Services and Inclusion</i>  <i>ARThomas@carmarthenshire.gov.uk, Aeron Rees, Head of Strategy and Learner Support</i>  <i>jarees@carmarthenshire.gov.uk, Simon Davies, Head of Access to Education</i>  <i>sidavies@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>

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<p>Performance Management Report Quarter 2</p> <p>The report provides an update in respect of the Actions and Measures relevant to the Education, Young People and Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee's linked to the Corporate Strategy and Well-being Objectives. The report will be circulated to the Committee for consideration outside the meeting process by email.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>31 Jan 2024</p>	<p>Cllr. Glynog Davies, Cabinet Member</p>	<p><i>Aeron Rees, Head of Strategy and Learner Support</i>  <i>jarees@carmarthenshire.gov.uk, Simon Davies, Head of Access to Education</i>  <i>sidavies@carmarthenshire.gov.uk, Jan Coles, Head of Children and Families</i>  <i>jcoles@carmarthenshire.gov.uk, Aneirin Thomas, Head of Education Services and Inclusion</i>  <i>ARThomas@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>

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<p>Update on Estyn's Review of the Welsh for Adults Provision</p> <p>To review the council's current position and be assured that arrangements are in place to address any identified recommendations / areas for improvement.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p><b>Date to be confirmed</b></p>	<p>Cllr. Glynog Davies, Cabinet Member</p>	<p><i>Aeron Rees, Head of Strategy and Learner Support</i>  <i>jarees@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>
<p>Progress Update on the Roll-out of Free School Meals Across Carmarthenshire</p> <p>The report will detail the progress made by the Council on the roll-out of Free School Meals across Carmarthenshire against Welsh Government timescales. An overview of the challenges in terms of capacity issues, including kitchen facilities and staffing resources will also be included.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>3 Apr 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Simon Davies, Head of Access to Education</i>  <i>sidavies@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>
<p>Additional Learning Needs Update</p> <p>The report will provide information pertaining to the progress made regarding the implementation of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act and the areas of best practice with pupils with Additional Learning Needs.</p>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>3 Apr 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Aneirin Thomas, Head of Education Services and Inclusion</i>  <i>ARThomas@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>
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<p>Update on the Work of the Carmarthenshire Youth Council</p> <p>To receive an update on the work of the Carmarthenshire Youth Council in accordance with the four main areas of representation pertaining to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Education</li> <li>-Universal</li> <li>-Special Interest</li> <li>-Welsh Youth Parliament</li> </ul>	<p>Education, Young People &amp; the Welsh Language Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>17 May 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language</p>	<p><i>Sarah Powell, Young People's Participation Co-ordinator SJPowell@carmarthenshire.gov.uk, Aeron Rees, Head of Strategy and Learner Support jarees@carmarthenshire.gov.uk, Gill Adams, Principal Manager - Youth Support Service GMAAdams@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>

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