

## Scrutiny Committee B

12<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### Education Scrutiny Group

**Purpose of Report:** Progress report

Since the first meeting of Scrutiny Committee B on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 the following work has been undertaken:

#### **Education Scrutiny Group**

##### **3rd October 2017 – Home to School Transport**

The Group was due to meet to undertake pre-Cabinet scrutiny of the proposed Home to School Transport Policy prior to the consideration of this document at Cabinet on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017. However, this meeting was postponed as the Policy needed further work before it was ready to be brought to Cabinet.

#### **School Scrutiny Panel**

It had been intended to undertake training for this group for their role as School Scrutiny Panel Members on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017. Unfortunately it has proved necessary to rearrange this training which will now take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> November. The Group will then go on to be briefed on the current position of schools which had been before the School Scrutiny Panel during the previous Council.

#### **ERW**

Two Members of the Education Scrutiny Group were invited to the meeting of the ERW Scrutiny Councillor Group. This meeting is held twice a year and is hosted in turn by each of the six authorities within the ERW region. This meeting was hosted by Powys and was held in Brecon on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017. It was chaired by Councillor D Jones as Lead Member of Powys Education Scrutiny Group. A verbal update on the meeting will be given to include:

- Challenge advisor capacity across the region
- Elective Home Education
- Research on the effect of rurality on educational attainment
- Early entry at GCSE

#### **Work Programme**

25 <sup>th</sup> Oct 10.00	WESP (pre-Cabinet scrutiny)
27 <sup>th</sup> Oct 10.30	Standards, attendance, exclusions, inspection outcomes
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov 10.00	School Scrutiny Panel Training
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1.00	School Scrutiny Panel

14<sup>th</sup> Nov 10.00  
6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.00

School Budgets, Medium Term Financial Plan  
Collaborative Working Policy

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**Membership:**

County Councillors: **D. R. Jones** (Vice Chair of Scrutiny Committee B and Lead Member)

B Davies, A Jenner, M. Mackenzie, S. McNicholas, L Roberts, P Roberts,  
Parent Governor Representative Mrs A. Davies, Mrs S Davies and N. Bufton.  
Church Representative Mrs M. Evitts