

People Scrutiny Committee**16th December 2015****Education Scrutiny Group****Purpose of Report:** Progress report

Since the last meeting of People Scrutiny Committee on 17th September 2015 the following work has been undertaken:

Education Scrutiny Group

The group met on 11th September 2015 and a verbal update from that meeting was provided to Committee which included the following information:

The meeting received a report on standards at Foundation Phase, Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 where it was seen that year on year improvement was recorded and the standards continued to be recorded above the all Wales average. These results are acknowledged and celebrated however, these do mask some variations and the departments and schools which are underperforming will be challenged to make the necessary improvements so that all Powys pupils can access high quality education.

The unverified results at Key Stages 4 and 5 were received and the verified results would be considered at a meeting of the Education Scrutiny group in the new year.

Early information on attendance and exclusions was received and further detail was requested for the January 2016 scrutiny meeting.

The group were briefed on the current position regarding ALN and the Specialist Centres.

The group met on 1st December 2015 to discuss the following matters:

Schools service performance including updates on

- School improvement
- Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion
- School Transformation
- Infrastructure and resources

Estyn Inspection outcomes 2014-15 school year – copy attached at Appendix 1

Scrutiny of schools

Since the last meeting two schools have been invited to meetings of a Panel of the Education Scrutiny Group to be scrutinised.

On the 11th November 2015 the Headteacher and Vice-Chair of Governors from Llandrindod Wells County Primary School met with the School Scrutiny Panel.

On the 18th November the Headteacher and a Parent Governor of Ysgol Bro Hyddgen met with the School Scrutiny Panel.

ERW Scrutiny

The Lead Member with Cllr McNicholas and the Scrutiny Officer attended a meeting on 22nd September 2015 in Neath Port Talbot with the other Education Scrutiny leads from across the ERW region to discuss partnership working in the education scrutiny arena. Terms of reference were agreed for this group which are attached at Appendix 2.

The next meeting of this group has been arranged for 4th February 2015 and will be hosted by Swansea City Council. The outcome of this meeting will be reported to the next meeting of People Scrutiny Committee.

Cabinet Forward Work Programme

The items which currently appear on the Cabinet work programme are attached at Appendix 3 and these will be monitored by this working group.

Education Scrutiny Forward Work Programme

TBC	Education of LAC (joint with Children's Services)
Feb	ERW Challenge Advisory Service School Finance (TBC) including Brecon High (re loan holiday) Secondary School Standards, attendance and exclusions (Yan James/Meinir Ebbsworth) – inclu Eng/Welsh and maths – cf with All Wales data School categorisation (Ian Roberts)
Feb	School Scrutiny 1 Monitoring schools previously called to scrutiny
March	School Scrutiny 2
June	School budgets – School Finance Manager
TBC	School Scrutiny 3
TBC	School Scrutiny 4
Sept	Standards data – verified for FP, KS2 and KS3 – unverified for KS4 and KS5 Ian Roberts Attendance, exclusions – Ian Roberts

TBC	School Scrutiny 5
TBC	School Scrutiny 6
Dec	Quarter 2 Performance (Level 1 Monitoring Report) Ian Roberts School budgets update

NB – further discussion is due regarding performance monitoring and it is expected that further meetings will be required to fit in with the Cabinet work programme.

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Membership:

County Councillors: **D.R. Jones**, M. Dorrance
M. Mackenzie, E. R. Davies, K. Roberts-Jones, Miss A. Holloway, S. McNicholas,
A. Davies.
Parent Governor Representative Mrs A. Davies and Mrs L. Jenkin.
Church Representative Mrs M. Evitts

**Inspection outcomes
Academic Year 2014-15**

Key

E-Excellent G-Good

A-Adequate U-Unsatisfactory

LA- Local Authority Monitoring

EM- Estyn Monitoring

SI- Significant

Improvement SM-Special Measures

School	Current Performance	Prospects for Improvement	Category	KQ1 Outcomes	Standards	Wellbeing	KQ2 Provision	Learning Experiences	Teaching	Care, Support & Guidance	Learning Environment	KQ3 L & M	Leadership	Improving Quality	Partnership Working	Resource Management
Primary Schools																
Glantwymyn	A	G	LA	A	A	G	G	A	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	A
Llanfyllin	A	A	EM	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	G	A	A	A	G	A
Llanerfyl	A	A	EM	A	A	G	A	A	A	G	G	A	A	A	G	A
Pontoberrt	G	G		G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
Llanbrynmair	G	G		G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
Llanbister	A	U	SM	A	A	A	A	U	A	A	A	U	U	U	G	A
Llangatcock	G	G		G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
Gladestry	E	E		E	E	E	E	G	E	E	G	E	E	E	E	E
Cribarth	G	G		G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
Churchstoke	G	A	EM	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	A	A	A	G	A
Guilsfield	G	A	EM	A	A	G	A	A	A	G	A	A	A	A	G	A
Dyffryn Y Glowyr	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	E	G
Bro Cynllaith	G	G	EM	G	G	G	G	A	G	G	G	G	G	A	G	G
Special Schools																
Penmaes	G	G	LA	G	G	G	G	G	G	A	G	G	G	A	E	G
High Schools																
Newtown High	A	A	EM	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	G	A	A	A	G	A
Llandrindod HS	U	U	SM	U	U	G	A	A	A	G	G	U	A	U	G	U

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ERW Scrutiny Councillors Group

Terms of Reference

Aims

The purpose of the group is to help ensure the best educational outcomes for children in the ERW region by supporting effective scrutiny

- To support consistent scrutiny across the six councils
- To share scrutiny good practice
- To encourage shared scrutiny approaches and avoid the duplication of scrutiny work
- To provide critical and objective challenge to ERW on topics of interest as required
- To contribute to the good and effective governance of ERW

Assumptions

- Scrutiny of ERW takes place through the scrutiny arrangements of individual councils
- In each council the cabinet member(s) responsible for ERW will be held to account by scrutiny councillors
- The group is an informal coordinating mechanism not a formal committee
- The group will share its work and publish key documents
- The group will continue to develop and refine its role and its work

Membership

- The group is for scrutiny members with an education improvement role
- Up to two scrutiny members from each council including for example the education scrutiny chair / convener
- Membership is flexible and replacement scrutiny members will be allowed
- Scrutiny support officers and appropriate observers should attend

Meetings

- Two meetings to be held a year in February and September
- Councils to take it in turns to host the meetings (see list below)
- Meetings will be chaired by a scrutiny councillor from the host council
- Each meeting will:
 - Provide an opportunity for scrutiny councillors to share work plans, scrutiny outcomes and good practice
 - Give scrutiny councillors an opportunity to discuss topics of interest with representatives of ERW
- Discussion topics to be agreed in consultation with ERW
- Each meeting will provide a report back to ERW via a letter from the chair

Support

- Lead support to be provided by the City and County of Swansea Scrutiny Team to include:
 - Facilitation of the bi annual member meeting agendas (including standing item for the co-ordination of work plans)
 - Preparation of discussion points / questions before meetings
 - Drafting of letters
- Collation of action points and discussions
- Arranging/ and recording the meetings of scrutiny officers
 - Preparation and publication of key documents including agendas, work plans and letters
- Support from each Council to include:
 - Provide 6 monthly scrutiny work plan summary for own council including outcomes and forward look
 - Provide scrutiny good practice examples as appropriate
 - Host and chair meeting once every three years
- Contribution from ERW:
 - A simple lunch for each meeting
 - Virtual space / discussion area to be developed on the ERW website

Meeting Hosts (Sep 15 – Feb 18)

Neath Port Talbot – Sep 15 ✓

Swansea – Feb 16

Pembroke – Sep 16

Ceredigion – Feb 17

Powys – September 17

Carmarthen – Feb 18

APPENDIX 2

Cabinet/ Management Team	Cabinet	Matter for Decision	Portfolio Holder/ Officer	Decision Maker Cabinet Portfolio Holder	Details of any consultation to be undertaken
8 December	15 December	Brecon Learning Campus (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	
8 December	15 December	School Transformation Programme - Draft Recommendation related to Ysgol Dolafon's Welsh stream (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	Statutory consultation Jan – Feb 2016
8 December	15 December	School Transformation Programme – Draft Recommendation related to Nantmel CiW School (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	Statutory consultation Jan – Feb 2016
8 December	15 December	Closure of Crickhowell Special Unit – outcome of statutory consultation (O)	Cllr Arwel Jones Keith Brelstaff	Cabinet	Objection period Jan - Feb
8 December	15 December	New School Reorganisation Policy 2015 (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	
8 December	15 December	School Transformation Programme Strategic Outline Case Welshpool Town Primary Schools (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	Statutory consultation (dates tbc)
	5 January	Consultation document on Admissions Code (O)	Cllr Arwel Jones / Gareth Jones	Cabinet	Consultation with Public, Schools & other LA's
	5 January	Revised Home to School and College and Post 16 Transport (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones / Gareth Jones	Cabinet	Consultation with Learners, Parents and Schools
	5 January	Payments to Temporary and Supply Staff in Schools (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Gareth Jones	Cabinet	Consultation with staff and unions
19 January	26 January	Schools Service Asset Management Plan (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Gareth Jones	Cabinet	
19 January	26 January	Schools Major Improvement Investment Plan 2016-17 and draft 2017-18 / 18-19 plan (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Gareth Jones	Cabinet	
19 January	26 January	School Transformation Programme – Draft recommendation related to Llanfihangel Rhydithon CP School (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	Statutory consultation Feb/March

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19 January	26 January	School Transformation Programme - Draft recommendation related to Llanbister CP School (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	Statutory consultation Feb/March
16 February	23 February	Secondary School Reorganisation Programme- draft recommendations related to South/Mid Secondary Schools (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	Statutory consultation Feb/March
16 February	23 February	Changes to Fair Funding Formula and Scheme for Financing School (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Gareth Jones	Cabinet	Following Consultation in Dec / Jan
16 February	23 February	Supply Teachers Insurance – Mutual Fund (Establishment) (O)	Cllr Arwel Jones Gareth Jones	Cabinet	Consultation with Schools
8 March	15 March	Secondary School Reorganisation Programme – draft recommendations related to Welsh Medium Education in North Powys, including Ysgol Bro Hyddgen Strategic Outline Case (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	Tbc
8 March	15 March	Closure of Crickhowell Special Unit- Objection Report (O)	Cllr Arwel Jones Keith Brelstaff	Cabinet	
8 March	15 March	School Transformation Programme– outcome of statutory consultation Ysgol Dolafon Welsh stream (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	Objection period April
8 March	15 March	School Transformation Programme– outcome of statutory consultation Nantmel (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	Objection period April
5 April	12 April	School Transformation Programme– outcome of statutory consultation Llanfihangel Rhydithon Welsh stream (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	Objection period May
5 April	12 April	School Transformation Programme– outcome of statutory consultation Llanbister CP School (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	Objection period May

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5 April	12 April	School Transformation Programme – outcome of statutory consultation Welshpool Primary Schools (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	Objection period May
7 June	14 June	School Transformation Programme– Objection Report Ysgol Dolafon Welsh stream (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	
7 June	14 June	School Transformation Programme– Nantmel (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	
28 June		SIP Quarterly reports (I)	All Portfolio Holders		
12 July	26 July	School Transformation Programme– Llanfihangel Rhydithon (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	
12 July	26 July	School Transformation Programme– Llanbister CP School (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	
12 July	26 July	Secondary School Reorganisation Programme - outcome of statutory consultation Mid and South schools (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	Objection period September
12 July	26 July	School Transformation Programme – Welshpool Primary Schools (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	
	July	Brecon Learning Campus (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	
1 November	8 November	Secondary School Reorganisation Programme - Mid and South schools (S)	Cllr Arwel Jones Marianne Evans	Cabinet	