

Digital Learning Project

The purpose of this paper is to set out the approach to developing Powys' Digital Learning Project. It includes the vision, aims and objectives of the emerging project, its' scope, and sets out the key steps that will be undertaken to develop the project.

Vision

The Council's Corporate Plan – Vision 2025 – includes a commitment to strengthen learning and skills across the county by

- Improving the educational attainment of all pupils
- Supporting children and families to have the best start in life
- Improving our schools infrastructure
- Improving the skills and employability of young people and adults

Digital learning is fundamental to the successful delivery of these four priorities, and is also key to the Council's ALN Transformation Programme.

Powys' geography and sparsity requires a different approach to the delivery of teaching and learning across all sectors – from early years through to post-16, from schools to work-based and community learning. There are significant opportunities to improve access to learning and to broaden the curriculum through the use of technology. However, the use of technology is under-utilised across the county and therefore a clear strategy to develop digital learning is required.

Aims

- To provide a wider and more equitable choice of subjects for all secondary and post-16 pupils in Powys
- To support the development of Welsh-medium secondary and post-16 education
- To develop a network of staff who are able to deliver online learning in all subject areas
- To engage with adult learning and apprenticeship providers to develop digital learning across these sectors

Scope

The initial scope will have a focus on developing provision for pupils in the secondary and post-16 sectors, including those with Additional Learning Needs (ALN).

The partners involved will include:

- All secondary schools
- All special schools
- FE partners
- Work-based learning providers
- Schools Service officers
- Corporate ICT officers

Workstreams

There will be three workstreams established to take forward the work, with the first phase of the project focusing on rolling out digital learning for post-16 providers by September 2019. The second phase will consider how digital learning can be developed in the primary sector.

Workstream	Resources	Outcome	Timescales
Connectivity / ICT Support	Powys ICT Governance Group, Corporate ICT, ICT Technicians in schools and Mike Isted – digital lead for Powys Schools	To establish / develop / assess the connectivity between schools and ability to provide digital learning in schools using the methods identified in teaching and learning workstream.	By January 2019
Infrastructure / Equipment	Powys ICT Governance Group, Corporate ICT, ICT Technicians in schools and Mike Isted – digital lead for Powys Schools	To prepare a capital business case to determine the equipment needed in all the phases of the roll out of digital learning.	By April 2019
Teaching and Learning	Mike Isted, Secondary head Teachers, hosted companies -Esgoil -Tute Teach -Llanidloes / Llanfyllin digital proposals	To scope out and explore all different methods of digital subject delivery and test each one to inform any new model going forward.	By April 2019

Project Management and Governance

The project will be managed by Joni Hughes, Schools Transformation Programme Manager

The project will be overseen by the Learning and Skills Programme Board, and the ALN Transformation Steering Group.