



Joint Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny Observations to Cabinet on: 25/03/2025

The Learning and Skills, Health and Care and Economy Residents and Communities Scrutiny Committees met on 14/03/2025 and considered the following documents:

Corporate Strategic and Equality Plan (CSEP) Scorecard: Quarter 3 Performance Report (2024-2025).

The Committees thank the Portfolio Holders and officers for attending scrutiny.

Scrutiny made the following observations:

- The Committee noted:
 - That there was a good level of data provided.
 - The importance of trend data provided over the last 5 quarters and suggested that trends over a longer period should be considered for future reports.
 - Cabinet's willingness to undertake more work on tackling child poverty, and the success of securing grants for this purpose.
- The Committee requested:
 - That there should be more detail in the report in respect to the high-level performance of the Council in relation to meeting, the targets set, and in respect to those targets that were off track.
 - An overall executive summary with examples of high performance which had been reviewed by the Corporate Leadership Team.
 - That the measures under Objective 1 should have a more balanced perspective across the Councils services, such as Housing, Transport and Recycling (HTR).
 - That an indicator in Objective 2 should be included to track the offer of employment opportunities to adults with learning disabilities and other specific groups.
 - Where there were multi-year targets, in Objective 3, these should be shown as cumulative totals and targets as well as reporting the in-year figure.
 - That measures in Objective 3 should be linked to Education to demonstrate the overall value gained by learners.
 - Detailed narrative behind the measures and actions undertaken.
- The Committee remained unconvinced about:
 - The timing of the review and targets should be agreed for the following year/s.
 - The accuracy of the data shown under measure 33 across the five quarters.
 - Which measures were focussed on rural poverty.

- How the public report issues through the Powys website. How can Powys measure any improvement of the Council's engagement and public satisfaction.
- The Committee expressed concern:
 - In respect to the number of measures without targets and only provided a figure, although it was recognised that the scorecard provided the trend in relation to these measures.

Scrutiny's Recommendation	Accept (plus Action and timescale)	Partially Accept (plus Rationale and Action and timescale)	Reject (plus Rationale)
1 A high level executive summary be provided with key focus on high performance and areas of concern.			
2 The detailed narratives behind the measures and actions undertaken make direct reference to the measures they influence. (e.g. Narrative around Carbon Accounts would include 'Objective 3, O32').			

In accordance with Rule 7.27.2 the Cabinet is asked to provide a written response to the scrutiny report, including an action plan where appropriate, as soon as possible or at the latest within 2 months of the date of the Cabinet meeting i.e. by

Membership of the Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee on: 14/03/2025

County Councillors:

G. Thomas, A W Davies, B Davies, A Davies, G E Jones.

Co-Opted Members:

S. Davies, M. Evitts.

Membership of the Health & Care Scrutiny Committee on: 14/03/2025

County Councillors:

A Jenner, G E Jones, C Walsh, D Edwards, A Williams, G Preston, L Brighthouse, B Breeze.

Membership of the Economy, Residents and Communities Scrutiny Committee on: 14/03/2025

County Councillors:

G Breeze, A Davies, R Devlin, P James, A Jones, C Kenyon-Wade, K Lewis, G Mitchell, L Rijnenberg.