

Education & Inclusion Scrutiny Committee

Draft Work Programme 2023 - 24

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Tuesday 20 June 2023	ESTYN REPORT	Gaynor Davies, Director for Education and Inclusion Services	Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language		Pre-Scrutiny - For Committee Members to scrutinise and make any recommendations to the report before presenting to Cabinet.
Wednesday 19 July 2023	DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2023- 24	Christian Hanagan, Service Director Democratic Services & Communications	Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language		For Committee Members to consider the work programme for the 2023/2024 Municipal year.
	REPORT ON A TASK AND FINISH GROUP IN RELATION TO THE REPORT ON SCHOOL MODERNISATION – UPDATE ON BAND B SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES FOR LEARNING PROGRAMME	Christian Hanagan, Service Director Democratic Services & Communications	Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language		For Committee Members to consider an update on the Task and Finish Group in relation to the report on School Modernisation – Update on Band B Sustainable Communities.

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	EDUCATION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	Richard Evans, Director for HR Gaynor Davies, Director for Education and Inclusion Services	Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language		For Committee Members to scrutinise and challenge the report on the education workforce in our schools, including staff turnover, staff vacancies, staff sickness and supply usage, and succession plans.
	SCHOOL ADMISSIONS	Catrin Edwards, Head of Service Transformation	Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language		For Committee Members to scrutinise and challenge the annual school admissions process summary.
Thursday 14 Sept 2023	BI-ANNUAL CABINET MEMBER ENGAGEMENT	Gaynor Davies, Director for Education and Inclusion Services	Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language		For Committee Members to scrutinise any arising matters with the portfolio holder responsible for and to ensure that the appropriate mechanisms are in place to effectively scrutinise the Executive.
	PROPOSAL TO IMPROVE THE EDUCATION PROVISION FOR A NEW SPECIAL SCHOOL IN RCT	Gaynor Davies, Director for Education and Inclusion Services	Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language		Pre-Scrutiny - For Committee Members to scrutinise and make any recommendations to the report before presenting to Cabinet.

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	CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSALS TO REALIGN ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS MAINSTREAM LEARNING SUPPORT CLASS PROVISION WITHIN RHONDDA CYNON TAF	Ceri Jones, Head of Inclusion Services	Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language		Pre-Scrutiny - For Committee Members to scrutinise and make any recommendations to the report before presenting to Cabinet.
Monday 16 October 2023	UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS AND EDUCATION TRIBUNAL ACT 2018 IN RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL	Gaynor Davies, Director for Education and Inclusion Services	Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language		For Committee Members to scrutinise and challenge the report. Report to focus on positive Estyn report, and this is what is going on and these are the pressures facing the system. 2 Practitioners from Primary and Secondary to attend meeting, to talk about their experience of implementation and any challenges, plus positives.
	COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOLS	Dan Williams, Head AWS Andrea Richard, Head of 21 st Century Schools and Transformation	Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation & Welsh Language	Hayley Jacobs, Community Schools Officer	For Committee Members to scrutinise and challenge the report. Report to include a further update on the work of the Community Schools Officer and an update on the survey

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					results, in order to see the good practice.
Thursday 7 Dec 2023	ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION UPDATE	Ceri Jones, Head of Inclusion Services	Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language		For Committee Members to scrutinise and challenge the report. Report to be mindful of the significant increase in the number of children being home educated over the past two years and provide an update, on figures, take up and transitioning in and out of the system.
	CHILD POVERTY	Daniel Williams, Head of AWS	Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language		For Committee Members to scrutinise and challenge the report.
Monday 22 January 2024	WELSH IN EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN (WESP) – ANNUAL PLAN UPDATE	Gaynor Davies, Education and Inclusion Services Director	Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language	Lisa Howell, 21st Century Schools Manager Hannah Bebb, Graduate Officer	For Committee Members to scrutinise and challenge the Annual report.
	SCHOOL BASED COUNSELLING	Ceri Jones, Head of Inclusion Services	Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation & Welsh Language	Sarah Corcoran, Head of Achievement and Wellbeing	For Committee Members to scrutinise and challenge the Annual report. Report to include monitoring of take up in light of covid and wellbeing plan.

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	THE WORK OF THE CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM IN THE REGION AND RHONDDA CYNON TAF LOCAL AUTHORITY 2021 - 2022	Clara Seery, Managing Director for CSC	Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language	Stephen Williams Kate Williams, Principal Improvement Partners, CSC	For Committee Members to scrutinise and challenge the Annual report. Report to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community focused schools to be reflected, moving forward as that work develops. • The Lead for Wellbeing and Vulnerable Groups to come along to a future scrutiny meeting to present some of that work, around supporting community schools. • Reports should have a harder metric on the uptake or frequency of SIGs, to understand in greater detail.
Wednesday 13 March 2024	BI-ANNUAL CABINET MEMBER ENGAGEMENT	Gaynor Davies, Director for Education and Inclusion Services	Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language		For Committee Members to scrutinise any arising matters with the portfolio holder responsible for and to ensure that the appropriate mechanisms are in place to effectively scrutinise the Executive.

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	UNIVERSAL PRIMARY FREE SCHOOL MEALS	Andrea Richards, Service Director for 21st Century Schools Lisa Kidner, Head of Catering Services	Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language		For Committee Members to scrutinise and challenge the Annual report.
	ANNUAL SCHOOL EXCLUSION PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23	Ceri Jones, Head of Inclusion Services	Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language		For Committee Members to scrutinise and challenge the Annual report.
	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DATA	Daniel Williams, Head of Attendance and Wellbeing	Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation & Welsh Language	Sarah Corcoran, Head of Achievement and Wellbeing	For Committee Members to scrutinise and challenge the Annual report. Ensure Attendance data to form an appendix.

Unallocated

- WG consultation on changing term-time holidays.
- Changes to statutory guidance on school uniform and appearance policies – WG Consultation closed 2 May 2023 – consider in light of Child Poverty Strategy, await outcomes.
- Overview of the Post-16 Curriculum Offer across RCT Secondary Schools - ask Members if they have received sufficient information on that.

- YEPS – provided as information report only.
- Child Poverty Strategy – Autumn Term?
- Recent consultation from WG, on uniforms - would be good to discuss in light of the child poverty strategy, and whatever the findings are.
- Safeguarding Report - looking at from a schools/Estyn's recommendation perspective.
- Learning Class Support ALN provision - Welsh Medium
- Curriculum for Wales – consider as part of Working Group around 21st century schools to include hearing from the learner voice, particular about transition from year 6 to 7.
- Education Delivery Plan
- YEPS – more in-depth scrutiny
- Bullying – report by Dan Williams
- Report on Estyn recommendations – 6 months