

# Minutes of the Meeting of LEARNING COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

held remotely via video-conference on Wednesday, 2 March 2022

**PRESENT;** Councillor Wyn Thomas (Chairman), Councillors Bryan Davies, Euros Davies, Marc Davies, Meirion Davies, Rhodri Davies, Odwyn Davies, Lloyd Edwards, Keith Evans, Alun Lloyd Jones, Lynford Thomas and Ivor Williams

**Also in attendance:** Councillors Rhodri Evans, Catherine Hughes, Gareth Lloyd and Catrin Miles (Cabinet Members)

**Officers in attendance:** Mrs Meinir Ebbsworth, CLO Schools , Miss Nia James, Corporate Manager, Learning Resources, Mr Allan Bailey Programme Manager, Ms Gillian Evans, Corporate Manager - ALN Inclusion & Wellbeing, Mrs Carys Davies, Childcare Strategic Manager; Mrs Meinir Paske, Childcare Business Support Officer, Mrs Elen James, CLO Lifelong Learning Learning & Culture , Mr Carwyn Young, Corporate Manager - Y Porth Wellbeing Centre, Porth Cymorth Cynnar Mr Alwyn Davies, Active Young People Manager, Mr John Callow, Corporate Manager-Substance Misuse , Mrs Lisa Evans, Scrutiny and Standards Officer, Mrs Dana Jones, Democratic and Standards Officer

(10:00am-12:55pm)

## 1 **Personal**

The Chairman referred to the children caught up in the Ukraine war and the impact on their psychological and well being and were also unable to attend school during this horrific time.

## 2 **Apologies**

Councillors Endaf Edwards, Paul Hinge and Mark Strong apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

## 3 **Disclosures of personal interest (including whipping declarations)**

**Members are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and prejudicial interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Members Code of Conduct. In addition, Members must declare any prohibited party whip which the Member has been given in relation to the meeting as per the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011**

None.

## 4 **21st Century Band B Projects and Additional Grant Funding**

Consideration was given to the report upon the 21st Century Band B Projects and Additional Grant Funding. The report had been presented in order to update Members on the progress of the 21st Century Band B Projects and Projects delivered using additional Grant Funding. Information on the background and current situation in relation to Cardigan Secondary School,

Canolfan y Mor, Cardigan Primary School, Aeron Valley School and the Welsh Language Capital Grant was provided to the Committee .

It was AGREED to note the report for information.

## **5 Ceredigion's Additional Learning Needs Principles and Expectations document**

Consideration was given to the report upon the Ceredigion's Additional Learning Needs Principles and Expectations document. The report had been presented in order to update the Committee on Ceredigion's Additional Learning Needs Principles and Expectations. The following information in the report was outlined in a presentation:-

- Background information
- The Current Position
- Ceredigion's ALN Vision Statement
- Ceredigion's ALN Goals
- The purpose of Ceredigion's Principles & Expectations document
- Ceredigion's ALN Principles and Expectations

Following questions from the floor, it was AGREED:-

(ii) to adopt the content of Ceredigion's ALN Principles and Expectations document; and

(ii) that any comments made by the Welsh Government were included as amendments to the Plan and submitted to the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet for information

(iii) that an annual report on progress against Ceredigion's ALN Principles and Expectations be presented to Schools, the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet

## **6 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) 2022-2027**

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**7 Ceredigion Play Sufficiency Assessment 2022 (Draft)**

Consideration was given to the Ceredigion Play Sufficiency Assessment 2022. Assessment 2022. The report had been presented in order for Members to have an opportunity for discussion to allow the committee to feed into the PSA 2022 prior to submission to Welsh Government. The background and the current position in relation to the assessment was provided to Members.

Following questions and comments from the floor, it was AGREED to note the current position and forthcoming work in relation to the Ceredigion Play Sufficiency Assessment 2020.

**8 Ceredigion Youth Justice Service**

Consideration was given to the Report upon the Ceredigion Youth Justice Service. The report had been presented in order to provide Members with information on the work of the Youth Justice Team.

Following questions and comments from the floor, it was AGREED to note the work of the Youth Justice Team

**9 To confirm the Minutes of the previous Meeting and to consider any matters arising from those Minutes**

It was AGREED to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 15 December 2021 as a true record.

**10 Any Other Business**

The Chairman stated that he had received an email from the Licensing Committee requesting that air pollution generated from parents running their engines outside schools and using their mobile phones while in situ; be considered under Any Other Business in the meeting. In response, the CLO-Schools, reported that posters had been created to distribute to all parents/guardians to educate them on the need to cease these actions. It would also be placed as an agenda item of school governor meetings for consideration.

Councillor Marc Davies also expressed concerns in relation to parents parking outside Aberaeron primary school to drop children off unnecessarily with the new footway from Penmorfa to the school. The CLO – schools requested that specific concerns were passed on to her.

**Confirmed at the Meeting of the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 27 May 2022**

**Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_