

Minutes of the Meeting of LEARNING COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
held Hybrid - Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron / remotely via video conference on 08 June 2023

PRESENT; Councillor Endaf Edwards (Chair), Councillors Euros Davies, Meirion Davies, Amanda Edwards, Eryl Evans, Elizabeth Evans, Paul Hinge, Chris James, Gareth Lloyd, Ann Bowen Morgan and Mark Strong

Also present :-

Also in attendance: Councillors Wyn Thomas (Cabinet Member)

Officers in attendance: Mrs Elen James, Corporate Lead Officer:-Lifelong Learning and Chief Education Officer, Mr Clive Williams , Corporate Lead Officer: Schools, Mrs Anwen Orrells, WEP Strategic Lead, Mr Gareth Lanagan, School Support Adviser, Mrs Angharad Behnan, Principal Education Psychologist, Miss Lowri Evans, Corporate Manager- Early Help Porth Cymorth Cynnar, Mrs Lisa Evans, Scrutiny and Standards Officer and Mrs Dana Jones, Democratic and Standards Officer

(10:00am-11:55am)

1 Apologies

Councillor Marc Davies together with Ms Gillian Evans, Corporate Manager-ALN Inclusion & Wellbeing and Mrs Mary Davies, Corporate Manager-School Improvement apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

2 Personal

The Chairman and the Cabinet Member welcomed Mrs Elen James and Mr Clive Williams to their first meeting in their new roles. Congratulations were also extended to all pupils that had taken part in the Urdd Eisteddfod in Llandovery and the YFC rally in Felinfach.

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 Report on the work and impact of the Mid Wales Education Partners (MWEP)

The Chair welcomed to the Meeting MWEP Strategic Lead and the School Support Adviser to provide a presentation on the Mid Wales Education Partners (MWEP) report. The following information was presented:-

- Purpose

- The structure and cross local authority governance arrangements
- Funding
- Evaluation of MWEF work
- 2022 - 2023 Priorities
- The range of professional learning and support offered
- Planning for 2023 – 2024
- Six Overarching National Education & Welsh Language Objectives
- Eight Contributory Factors – as set out in Schedule 1 of the 23/24 of the Regional Consortia Grant
- 2023 - 2024 Priorities
- Next Steps

Following question from the floor, it was AGREED to note the report for information.

5 ESTYN Inspections, Autumn term 2022 and spring term, 2023

It was AGREED to note the Estyn Inspections taken place during the Autumn term 2022 and Spring term 2023. Congratulations were extended to all involved.

6 Transition Guidance for Settings and Schools: an inclusive model of support

Consideration was given to the Transition Guidance for Setting and Schools: and inclusive model of support. The guidance had been presented in order to provide information and guidance for schools, settings and colleges on transition arrangements and effective inclusive support. The guidance would share good practice and provide an effective lead on supporting all children and young people to flourish, live full and meaningful lives, and become valued members and contributors within their local community.

Following question from the floor, it was AGREED to recommend to Cabinet :-

- (i) to adopt the content of the transition guidance for Ceredigion schools and settings; and
- (ii) develop a consistent implementation and smooth transition for children and young people throughout their educational career and into adulthood, enabling them to reach their potential.

7 Ceredigion Youth Council Meeting Minutes (17.03.23)

It was AGREED to note the minutes as presented.

8 To confirm minutes of the previous meeting and to consider any matters arising from those Minutes

It was AGREED to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the previous meeting of the committee.

Matters Arising
None.

9 To consider the draft Forward Work Programme

It was AGREED to note the draft Forward Work Programme as presented subject to the following

- (i) note that the post 16 review report be deferred to the September meeting;
- (ii) to note that as previously agreed at the last budget scrutiny meetings that if additional information was requested on any aspect of the budget, a report would be presented; accordingly, and
- (iii) the data on GCSE and A Level results would be reported at the September meeting subject to clarification on the data that would be available from the Corporate Manager- Accountability and Progress

Confirmed at the Meeting of the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 6 July 2023

Chairman: _____

Date: _____