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23/11/23

Lisa Evans

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Dear Sir / Madam

I write to inform you that a Meeting of the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held HYBRID - NEUADD CYNGOR CEREDIGION, PENMORFA, ABERAERON / REMOTELY VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE on Thursday, 30 November 2023 at 10.00 am for the transaction of the following business:

1. **Apologies**
2. **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
3. **GCSE and A Level Results 2023 (Update) (Pages 3 - 4)**
4. **Qualifications 14 -16 (Pages 5 - 6)**
5. **Ceredigion Youth Council Meeting Minutes (20.10.23) (Pages 7 - 84)**
6. **Update regarding Childcare provision in Lampeter (Pages 85 - 88)**
7. **Update from the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Workstream (Pages 89 - 92)**
8. **To confirm minutes of the previous meeting and to consider any matters arising from those Minutes (Pages 93 - 98)**
9. **To consider the draft Forward Work Programme (Pages 99 - 102)**

Members are reminded to sign the Attendance Register

A Translation Services will be provided at this meeting and those present are welcome to speak in Welsh or English at the meeting.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Edwards', written in a cursive style.

Miss Lowri Edwards
Corporate Lead Officer: Democratic Services

**To: Chairman and Members of Learning Communities Overview and
Scrutiny Committee**

The remaining Members of the Council for information only.

CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 30 November 2023

Title: GCSE and A Level Results 2023 (Update)

Purpose of the report: To update the Ceredigion KS4/5 data from Summer 2023

Reason Scrutiny have requested the information:
For information

Background:

The Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee received an overview of the results for Ceredigion on 28 September 2023. Official data is now available from the Welsh Government and that is what is presented below. National data is now also available and the Committee was keen to see the comparison.

Final data will be available in December so it is noted that it is the provisional data that is presented below.

Current Situation:

The set of results data that is published by the Welsh Government has reduced over the years. By now they only publish points scores.

The official GCSE data looks at the “first grade” rather than the “best grade”. For example, if a pupil gets a “C” in November and then resits and gets an “A” in the summer, it will be the “C” that is included.

Locally, we provide schools with their “best grade” points scores to better show what qualifications pupils gain at the end of Year 11.

	“first grade”		“best grade”
	Ceredigion 2023	Wales 2023	Ceredigion 2023
Capped Points Score (Capped 9)	357	357	358
Language / Literature Points	40	40	41
Mathematics / Numeracy Points	38	37	38
Science Points	38	37	38
Challenge Certificate Points (BAC)	35	32	35

As for A Level data, the national data is now available for A*-B and A*-C and that has been added to the table below for your information.

	Ceredigion 2023	Wales 2023
Grades A* - A	37.5%	34.2%
Grades A* - B	61.4%	59.1%
Grades A* - C	82.5%	80.5%
Grades A* - E	99.1%	99.5%

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If not, please state why

No – for information only.

Summary of Integrated Impact Assessment:

Long term: -

Collaboration: -

Involvement: -

Prevention: -

Integration: -

Recommendation(s):

None

Reason(s) for decision:

Contact Name: Gwion Dafydd

Designation: Corporate Manager: Accountability and Progress

Date of Report: 22/11/23

Acronym(s):

WG – Welsh Government

Capped9 - The Capped Points Score for each pupil is calculated by taking the 9 best results from all the recognised qualifications for pupils under 16 years old in Wales, e.g. grade A* GCSE is worth 58 points, A is 52 points, B is 46 points etc. It must include the GCSE first language/ literature grade (the best), Mathematics or Numeracy (the best) and the best Science. The average score is then calculated across the authority.

CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 30/11/2023

Title: Qualifications 14 -16

Purpose of the report: For information

Reason Scrutiny have requested the information:
To update on the changes by Qualifications Wales.

Qualifications Wales are looking at qualifications for pupils between 14 and 16 years old. **‘Qualified for the Future’** aims to ensure that learners in Wales take qualifications that inspire and prepare them for life, learning and work. To achieve this, Qualifications Wales are reimagining qualifications to support the new Curriculum for Wales. The aim of Qualified for the Future is to:

- command public confidence in Wales, the UK and globally
- secure an equitable, coherent and bilingual choice for schools and learners
- make the most of digital technology
- can be introduced in a managed and sustainable way

The organisation has applied a model of ‘co-creation’ and has held two consultations.

The Current Situation:

Two consultations were held over the last year. This paper will consider the decisions of the Made-for-Wales GCSEs consultation. Between October 2022 and March a wide-ranging consultation was held on the proposals for Made-for-Wales GCSEs. Proposals for the 26 new qualifications were consulted upon, grouped around the six Areas of Learning and Experience. In the presentation I will outline the decisions that were published on 28 June on the outcomes of the consultation.

In addition to the above, a consultation was held on the Full Qualifications Offer. Whilst the above considers the more traditional subjects, the full offer considers all types of qualifications. These qualifications will sit alongside GCSEs. This will provide qualifications that support the breadth of Curriculum for Wales and prepare learners for work and life. The findings of this consultation will be published in January 2024.

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If not, please state why

No – national changes.

Summary of Integrated Impact Assessment:

Long term: Not applicable

Collaboration: Not applicable

Involvement: Not applicable
Prevention: Not applicable
Integration: Not applicable

Recommendation(s):
Shared for information

Reason(s) for decision:
Shared for information

Contact Name: Gareth Lanagan

Designation: School Support Adviser

Date of Report: 06/11/2023

Acronym(s):
GCSE – General Certificate of Secondary Education

Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

REPORT TO: Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

DATE: 30 November 2023

LOCATION: Online / Chamber, Penmorfa

TITLE: Ceredigion Youth Council Meeting Minutes (20.10.23)

PURPOSE OF REPORT: For Information

REASON SCRUTINY HAVE REQUESTED THE INFORMATION: N/A

BACKGROUND:

One of the duties bestowed on Local Authorities within the Welsh Government - Shared Purpose: Shared Future: Statutory Guidance to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 – is Annex B – the **Statutory Guidance On Children And Young People’s Participation**



Annex B.docx

In order to meet one of the requirements of the legislation, Local Authorities are expected to work with relevant partners to:

- *Support a County Youth Forum/Council as a representative body of young people to act as a channel for young people’s views across their local authority and represent those views to local and national decision-making bodies.*
- *They should aim to be as inclusive as possible in terms of geographical spread, age, gender and to represent specialist needs and more marginalised young people.*
- *For County Youth Forums/Councils to operate effectively, they will need to be adequately supported by Local Authorities who should consider what support is required to do this.*
- *They should be informed and linked to their local democratic structures.*
- *They will also need to be effectively linked into national participation structures such as Young Wales, the Children’s Commissioner for Wales and the National Assembly for Wales.*

*Children and young people have the human right to have opinions and for these opinions to matter. It says that the opinions of children and young people should be considered when people make decisions about things that involve them, and they shouldn’t be dismissed out of hand on the grounds of age. It also says children and young people should be given the information they need to make good decisions. **Article 12 (Respect for the view of the child - United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC))***

CURRENT SITUATION:

Ceredigion Youth Work and Engagement Team is responsible for coordinating and managing the Ceredigion Youth Council since it was first established in Autumn 2015. They meet four times a year (once each term) and host an event at the end of their year 'in office'. Youth Council meetings take place in the Chamber in Penmorfa.

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If not, please state why

Summary:

WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS:

- Long term:** Balancing short term need with long-term planning for the future
- Integration:** Considering how young people's well-being may impact upon each of the well-being goals
- Collaboration:** Working with others to create opportunities for young people
- Involvement:** Involving young people and seeking their views
- Prevention:** Providing early intervention to reduce problems from developing

RECOMMENDATION (S):

For Elected Members to view the minutes from the last Ceredigion Youth Council meeting at Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet, for information.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION (S):

To meet the requirements of the legislation as set out in Annex B of Welsh Government - Shared Purpose: Shared Future: Statutory Guidance to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 - Statutory Guidance on Children And Young People's Participation.

Contact Name: Lowri Evans
Designation: Team Manager – Youth Work and Engagement
Date of Report: 01 November 2023
Acronyms: N/A

**Meeting Minutes
Ceredigion Youth Council
Council Chamber, Penmorfa
Friday 20 October 2023**

(10:00 – 14.00)

Present:

Ysgol Bro Pedr & Urdd Ceredigion (YC Chairperson 2022-23)
Ysgol Bro Teifi
Ysgol Bro Teifi
Ysgol Penglais & Goats Youth Hub
Ysgol Penglais & Goats Youth Hub
Coleg Ceredigion & Aberystwyth Community Ambassadors
Coleg Ceredigion & Aberystwyth Community Ambassadors
Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig
Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig
Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig
Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig & Urdd Ceredigion
EHE & Talybont Youth Club
Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron
Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron
Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron
Ysgol Bro Pedr
Ysgol Bro Pedr
Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi

Also Present: Gwion Bowen (Children and Young People's Participation Officer, Youth Work and Engagement Service), Lowri Evans (Team Manager, Youth Work and Engagement Service – Ceredigion County Council) and Councillor Wyn Thomas (Cabinet Member for Schools, Lifelong Learning and Skills)

Speakers: Tesni Woodfall (Equality and Inclusion Officer, Policy and Performance Service – Ceredigion County Council) and Iestyn Morgan (Electoral Services Engagement & Processing Officer, Legal and Democracy Services – Ceredigion County Council)

Apologies:

(Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig), (Ysgol Penglais), (Ysgol Penglais),
(Ysgol Henry Richard), (Ysgol Henry Richard), (Ysgol Bro Pedr), (Ysgol
Bro Pedr), (Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron), (Ysgol Bro Teifi) and Elen James (Chief
Education Officer, Ceredigion County Council)

Meeting Agenda:



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MINUTES

1 Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

Gwion Bowen opened the meeting by welcoming the new Youth Council to the Chamber.

This year's membership will be Ceredigion's 9th Youth Council.

GB and LE introduced themselves and their roles.

Apologies noted.

GB informed the Youth Council of 'housekeeping' arrangements.

- Speakers
- Translation devices
- Fire Exits
- Toilet facilities
- Lunch and refreshments

Youth Council members introduced themselves and which schools / organisations they are representing.

GB explained that a register will be going around during the meeting to collect e-mail addresses for correspondence, and asked if members could note any dietary requirements for future reference. Membership forms will also be distributed during the meeting and/or by e-mail in due course.

GB explained that following today's meeting a MS Teams Hwb Channel will be created to share information.

2 What is our Youth Council and 2023/24 Youth Council structure?

GB presented to the Youth Council, providing background information and explained the current structure of the Youth Council.



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3 Have your say on Second Home and Long-term Empty Property Council Tax Premiums

GB shared information around the consultation which has launched asking for views on what level of council tax premiums should be charged on long-term empty properties and second homes in Ceredigion.

Currently, there is a 25% extra charge on top of the normal level of council tax for second homes and long-term empty properties in the county.

In Ceredigion, 33,856 properties are responsible for paying council tax. Of these, 2,289 (6.8%) are either second homes or long-term empty properties. Most second homes are located around the coastal areas, with long-term empty properties generally being seen in more urban areas.

Ceredigion County Council wants to hear from citizens on the future level for these council tax premiums, including what impacts any change could have on local communities, the Welsh language, tourism, and the economy.



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Poster Second Home
and Empty Property.p

Youth Council members shared their thoughts and opinions on the topic of second homes and long-term empty properties, which included influence on the economy, house prices and available housing for young people (rental / to buy). Young people provided with details to respond to the consultation.

4 Environment and Period Dignity Sub-groups Workshops

GB explained that there are two sub-groups to the Youth Council. Members can choose one in which to participate. The Youth Council split in order to undertake two sub-group workshops.

GB and LE presented information to both sub-groups and what has been undertaken by the last Youth Council.

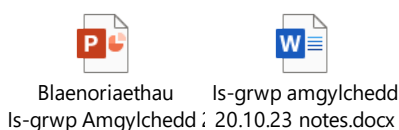
<u>Environment Sub-Group</u>	<u>Period Dignity Sub-Group</u>
<p>Participants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 	<p>Participants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

Environment Sub-Group

During the Environment Subgroup workshop and as a starting point for discussion, GB shared the Subgroup's priorities for the year 2022 - 2023.

Having recognised what had worked well in 2022 - 2023 and what potentially needed to be done to progress the sub-group's work in 2023 - 2024; members decided to prioritise a £500 environment project for 2023 - 2024.

A brief task was provided by GB for the Environment Subgroup members to discuss and share ideas around an appropriate environment project to be prioritised for the forthcoming year. The Sub-Group will confirm which project to pursue at our next meeting in the new year on 02.02.24.



Period Dignity Sub-Group

LE shared information around what the last Youth Council's priorities were in terms of period dignity. LE shared a copy of their action plan, and the new sub-group members will have the opportunity to establish their own priorities for 2023-24.



[Period Dignity in Ceredigion - Ceredigion County Council](#)

Some ideas were shared around what the group would like to focus on for this year, and these ideas will be explored further in future meetings.

Period products samples were shared to understand which items young people preferred.

5 A word from Councillor Wyn Thomas, Cabinet Member for Schools, Lifelong Learning and Skills

Councillor Wyn Thomas, Cabinet Member for Schools, Lifelong Learning and Skills welcomed the new Youth Council for 2023-24.

Cllr Wyn Thomas explained his role within Cabinet and highlighted the important role of the Youth Council in Ceredigion as a platform for young people to have their voice and opinions heard. Adding that the Youth Council is also an opportunity for all members to represent the views and opinions of other young people living in Ceredigion.

	<p>Cllr Wyn Thomas explained that he was looking forward to the new annual programm and to have the opportunity to listen and engage with all youth council members during the forthcoming meetings.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Youth Council Chairperson Election 2023/24</p>
	<p>GB presented the opportunity to become the Youth Council Chairperson for 2023-24. GB explained the role, and its responsibilities.</p> <div data-bbox="751 524 948 645" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>IM (Chairperson for 2022-23) talked of his experience as Chairperson and the skills he has developed from being in the role. IM encouraged new members to consider the opportunity.</p> <p>GB thanked IM for his commitment and efforts as Chairperson for 2022-23.</p> <p>GB explained the election process and thanked everyone who put their names forward to become Chairperson (JP; YUA, AD; YBT, RA; Penweddig, IH; Penweddig, CD; Penweddig, TD; Penglais).</p> <p>A vote was held and it was announced that Rosa Waby, (Year 12) Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig was successful in being elected by the Youth Council as Ceredigion Youth Council Chairperson for 2023-24. RW was congratulated on her appointment.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Ceredigion Draft Equality Plan 2024-28 Consultation</p>
	<p>Tesni Woodfall (Equality and Inclusion Officer, Policy and Performance Service – Ceredigion County Council) joined the Youth Council meeting to present Ceredigion’s Draft Equality Plant 2024-28 consultation.</p> <p>All public authorities must publish a set of objectives and a plan that describes what they will do to reduce inequality and address prejudice and discrimination.</p> <p>People were asked for their views about equality in the Dyfed-Powys area during the summer. The answers received have helped us to put together an important draft Strategic Equality Plan to make life better for those who are disadvantaged because of their characteristics.</p> <p>The Council’s draft equality objectives are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be an equal opportunities employer. • foster good relations and tackle prejudice. • ensure engagement and participation, respect and access to services. • provide fair and inclusive education.

Youth Council members participated in the consultation and took part in a group discussion.



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8 Ceredigion Local Democracy Week

To recognise this year’s Local Democracy Week 2023, Iestyn Morgan (Electoral Services Engagement & Processing Officer, Legal and Democracy Services – Ceredigion County Council) presented to the Youth Council to highlight the political process in Ceredigion, especially for young people.

Local Democracy Week takes place on a national and local level and aims to encourage the public, particularly underrepresented groups such as young people, ethnic minorities, and disabled people, to get involved in the democratic process.

The Welsh Government defines local democracy as every person having an ‘equal opportunity to influence change...ensuring that local policies and services reflect the needs and preferences of local communities.’



Cyflwyniad
Pleidleisio yn 16 ac 17



9 United Kingdom Youth Parliament (UKYP) Presentation and Ceredigion UKYP Member election

GB presented the opportunity for the Youth Council to elect Ceredigion’s next UK Youth Parliament, Member of Youth Parliament. Aled Lewis (Year 13, Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron) is Ceredigion’s current UKYP MYP and will finish his term at the end of November 2023.



Cylfwyniad ASI - MYP
Presentation 2023.ppt

GB explained that there is now the opportunity for young people to declare whether they wish to nominate themselves for the UKYP election. Young people who wish to do so will have 30 seconds to 'pitch' why they would like to take on the role to the rest of the Youth Council. The Youth Council will then vote, by placing their ballot papers into the ballot box at the front of the Chamber. Each young person has one vote. The votes will be counted during lunch and the successful candidate will be announced shortly after lunch.

Six young people put their names forward and were congratulated for doing so, as it is not an easy task to speak in front of so many others especially in a setting like the Chamber. Each young person gave a short explanation to support their application. Those who ran for election (JP; YUA, AD; YBT, IH; Penweddig, CD; Penweddig, BLI; YBT, CJ; CC).

The ballot was held, and it was announced that the successful candidate, who will be this year's Member of UK Youth Parliament for Ceredigion is: Aeron Dafydd (Ysgol Bro Teifi). AD was congratulated, and others were acknowledged for putting themselves forward.

10 Information Sharing and Date of Next Meeting

GB called for any other business from members. None reported.

GB shared copies of service membership form.

GB shared information and asked for interest in scheduling a visit to the Senedd in Cardiff into this year's Youth Council programme, likely to be during February Half Term 2024. Youth Council members demonstrated an interest in this activity.

GB shared information and materials around Hate Crime Awareness Week.

GB shared information about the next meeting which will be held again in the Chamber on the 02/02/2024.

Dates of 2023-24 meetings:

Meeting 1; 20/10/23

Meeting 2; 02/02/24

Meeting 3; 20/03/24

End of office, Pawb a'i Farn Event; 12/07/23



Youth Council Flyer
2023.24 (Eng).pdf

GB explained that sub-groups may meet before the next Youth Council meeting, most likely over MS Teams. Sub-groups may meet more regularly to ensure project / campaign work can progress. More information will follow to sub-groups in due course.

GB asked all members to sign out on their way out of Penmorfa and wait for their transport in the reception area.

GB thanked the group for a productive and positive first meeting of the Youth Council 2023-24.

Youth Council meeting minutes are presented to both the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Full Cabinet, in order to ensure that the views of young people are fed into the democratic process in Ceredigion.



Croeso i
Cyngor Ieuenctid
Cyngor Sir Ceredigion

Welcome to
Ceredigion County Council
Youth Council

Beth yw Cyngor Ieuenctid ni?

Grŵp o bobl ifanc unigol sydd wedi cael eu enwebu i gynrychioli pobl ifanc eraill sydd yn mynychu yr un ysgol, mudiad, gwasanaeth neu fforwm

What is our Youth Council?

A group of individual young people who have been nominated to represent other young people who attend the same school, organisation, service or forum



Pam fod angen Cyngor Ieuenctid?

Confensiwn y Cenedloedd Unedig ar Hawliau Plant (CCUHP)

Erthygl 12:

Eich hawl i ddweud eich barn ac i rhywun wrando arnoch

Deddfwriaeth yng Nghymru fel:

- Mesur Hawliau Plant a Phobl Ifanc (Cymru) 2011
- Deddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol (Cymru) 2015

Why do we need a Youth Council?

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

Article 12:

Your right to say your opinion and be listened to.

Legislation in Wales such as:

- *Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011*
- *Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015*



Beth yw rôl Cyngor Ieuenctid Sir Ceredigion?

- 1) I rhoi barn pobl ifanc am newidiadau i wasanaethau Cyngor Sir Ceredigion a gwasanaethau cyhoeddus
- 2) I drafod pwnciau sydd yn effeithio pobl ifanc yn Ceredigion
- 3) I rhoi croeso i siaradwyr gwadd
- 4) I weithio tuag at digwyddiad diwedd tymor 'Pawb a'i farn'

What is the role of Ceredigion County Council Youth Council?

- 1) To provide young people's opinion on proposed changes to Ceredigion County Council services and public services
- 2) To discuss topics that affect young people in Ceredigion
- 3) To welcome guest speakers
- 4) To work towards an end of year event 'Pawb a'i Farn'



Rhaglen Cyngor Ieuenctid Sir Ceredigion 2023/24

- 1) Cyfarfod Rhagarweiniol - Heddiw
- 2) 2ail Cyfarfod yn Siambr y Sir: 02/2/24
- 3) 3ydd Cyfarfod yn Siambr y Sir: 20/3/24
- 4) Digwyddiad Cyngor Ieuenctid 'Pawb a'i Farn 2024':
12/07/24

Ceredigion County Council Youth Council Programme 2023/24

- 1) Introductory Meeting - Today
- 2) 2nd Meeting in the County Council Chamber: 02/2/24
- 3) 3rd Meeting in the County Council Chamber: 20/3/24
- 4) Youth Council Event 'Pawb a'i Farn 2024': 12/07/24



'Rhoi dy Farn 2023' Campaign

- Youth Council Campaign that ran from 1st March – 14th March 2023
- Targeted all Ceredigion Secondary Schools, Coleg Ceredigion, PRU, Post 16 Inspire project and Hyfforddiant Ceredigion Training.
- Total Votes: 2184
- Turnout 36%
- Hot Topics: Cost of Living Crisis, Careers, Education and Transport

bleidlais, rhowch X yn y blwch nesaf at y pwnc yr hoffech chi b... drosto.

We want to know what topic you care about the most. You have... te, please mark an X in the box next to the topic you would like... e for.

sg - gwella mynediad i gyfleoedd galwedigaethol a mwy o... s, gan gynnwys sgiliau bywyd / **Education** - improve access to... onal opportunities and greater choice that should include life

- dylid addysgu sgiliau busnes ac entrepreneuriaeth mewn... / **Education** - business and entrepreneurship skills should be... schools

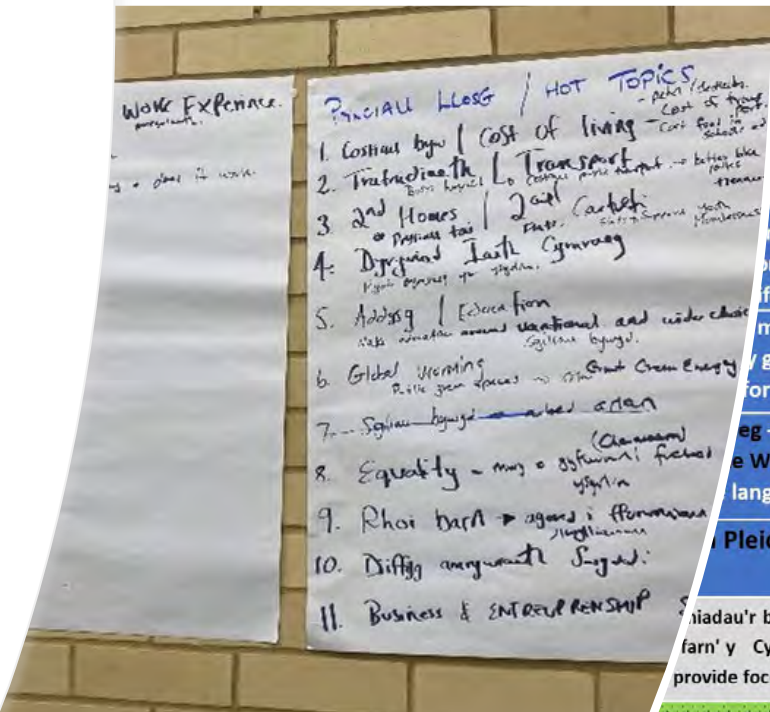
fi - Tai fforddiadwy a mynediad i bobl ifanc lleol / **Second**... ffordable housing and access for local young people

costau byw - mwy o gefnogaeth gyda chostau cludiant, ac ynni / **Cost of living Crisis** - more support with costs of school meals and energy

deb - mwy o gyfleoedd chwaraeon i ferched mewn... y gymuned / **Equality** - more sports opportunities for

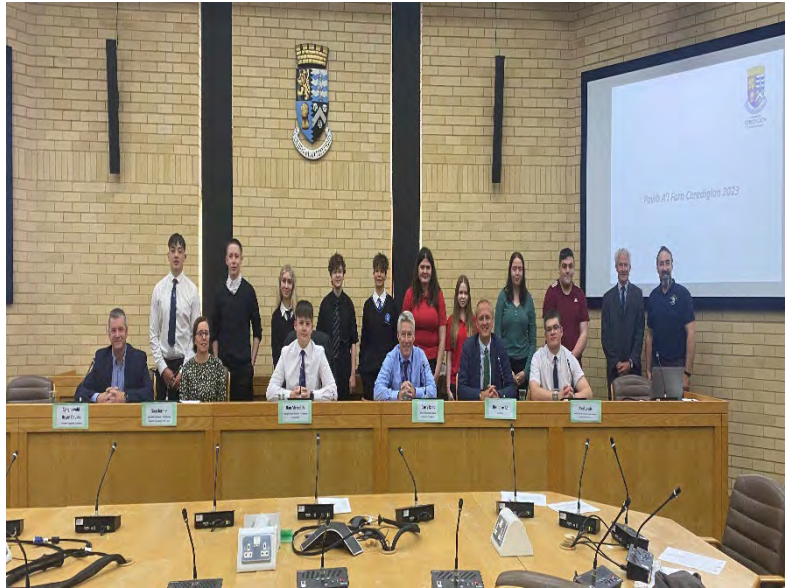


Hot Topic	Cyfanswm / Total	Safon / Rank
Cost of living Crisis - more support with costs of transport, school meals and energy	515	1
Choice of better paid apprenticeships and work experience opportunities	372	2
Business and entrepreneurship support in schools	267	3
More sports opportunities for girls in schools and in the community	256	4
Affordable housing and access for local young people	244	5
Improve access to educational opportunities and greater choice that includes life skills	234	6
More sports opportunities for girls in schools and in the community	201	7
Welsh language - more needs to be done to support the language	95	8
Pleidleisiau / Total Votes	2184	



niadau'r bleidlais flynyddol yn nodi'r blaenoriaethau a fydd yn rhoi ffocws i ddigwyddiadau'r farn y Cyngor Ieuenctid adeg tymor yr haf. / The results of the annual ballot sets out the priorities that will provide focus for the Youth Council's annual 'pawb a'i farn' event in the summer.

Digwyddiad 'Pawb A'i Farn' Event



Strwythur Cyngor Ieuenctid 2022/23

Youth Council Structure 2022/23

Cyngor Ieuenctid /
Youth Council

Aelod Senedd
Ieuenctid
Cymru / Wales
Youth
Parliament
Member



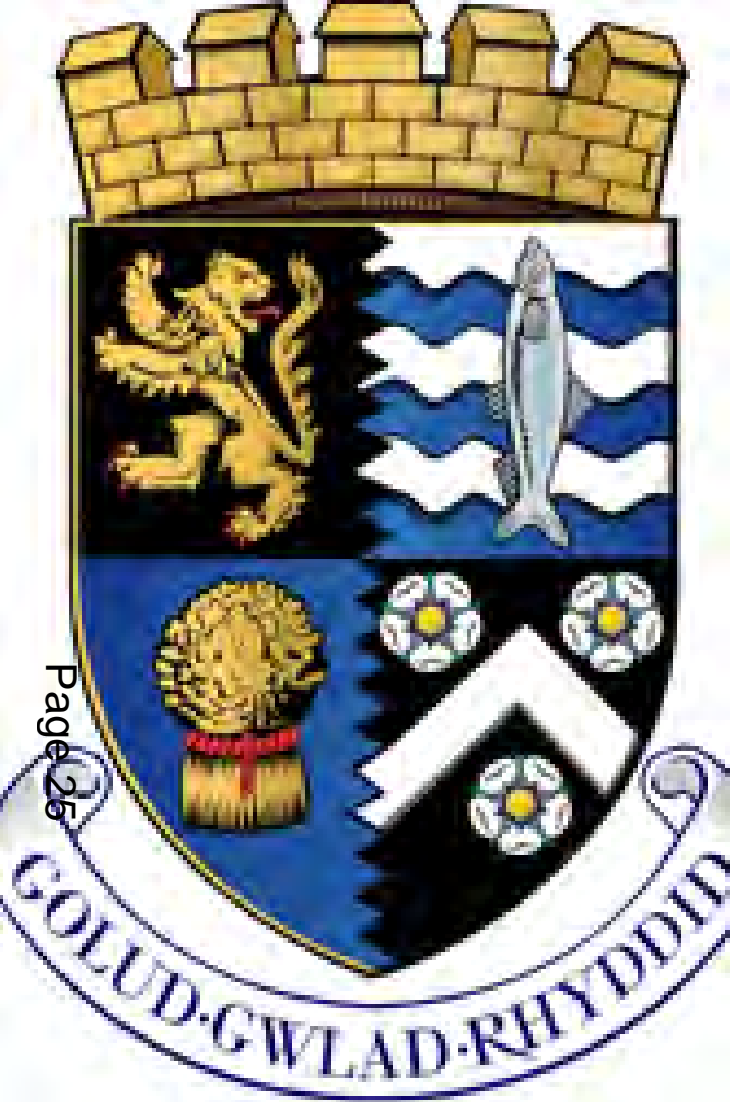
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Environment
Subgroup



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Dignity
Subgroup





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Cyngor Sir Ceredigion

Welcome to
Ceredigion County Council
Youth Council

Ethol Cadeirydd Cyngor Ieuenctid / Electing a Youth Council Chairperson

- Cadeirio Cyfarfodydd Cyngor Ieuenctid /
Chair Youth Council Meeting
- Rôl adeg Digwyddiad Pawb A'i Farn 2024 /
A role during Pawb A'i Farn 2024 Event
- Cynrychioli aelodau'r Cyngor Ieuenctid tu allan i gyfarfodydd / Represent
Youth Council members outside of meetings
- Taith I Lundain I gyfarfod Ben Lake AS / A visit to London to meet Ben Lake
MP

- Cwestiwn/Question:
- Pam i chi'n teimlo mai chi yw'r aelod orau i fod yn gadeirydd y Cyngor
Ieuenctid?
- Why do you feel you are the best member to chair the Youth Council?



Cyngor Sir
CEREDIGION
County Council



Dweud eich dweud ar
Bremiymau Treth Gyngor Ail Gartrefi
ac Eiddo Gwag Hirdymor / Have your say on
Second Home and Long-term Empty
Property Council Tax Premiums

Trafodaeth Siambr / Chamber Discussion

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-politics-59938949>

Cwestiwn 1 / Question 1

- **Fel person ifanc, beth yw eich barn chi am brynnu ty yng Ngheredigion?**

- **As a young person, what do you think about buying a house in Ceredigion?**

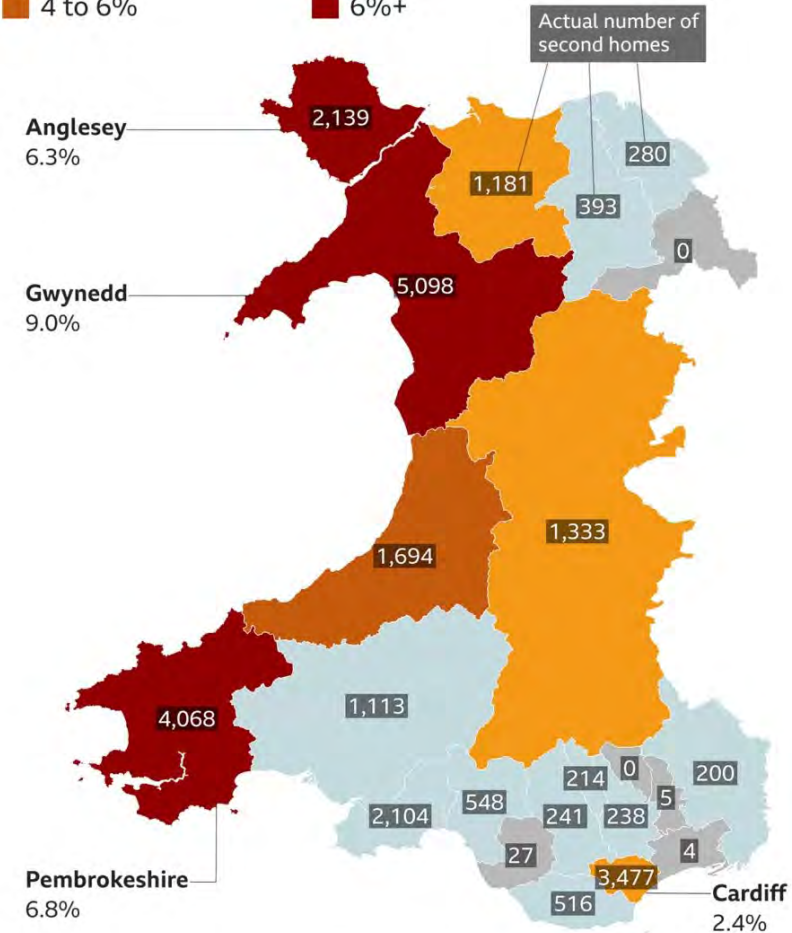


Cwestiwn 2 / Question 2

- Ydych chi'n meddwl bydd codi treth uwch ar dai gwag ac ail gartrefi yn helpu chi i brynu tŷ yng Ngheredigion?
- Do you think raising tax on empty houses and second homes will help you buy a house in Ceredigion?

Wales' second homes

Percentage taxed as second homes



Source: Statswales 2021 to 2022

BBC

Second Home and Long-term Empty Property Council Tax Premiums

Cwestiwn 3 / Question 3

• Ydych chi'n meddwl bydd codi treth cyngor uchel ar dai gwag ac ailgartrefu yn mynd i gael effaith positif neu negyddol ar economi Ceredigion?

• Do you think raising a high council tax on empty and second homes will have a positive or negative effect on Ceredigion's economy?

Dewiswch y cod QR am ragor o wybodaeth ac i lenwi'r ffurflen on-linell. (Dewiswch 'Cymraeg' o'r rhestr o'r ddaeth i'r wybodaeth a wislen ar dop y dudalen).

Click the QR code for more information and to complete the online form.



**Dyddiad cau/
Closing date:**
29/10/2023

Yn eiddo hysbysu, gasglu copi papur o un o'r ffôn gelloedd neu ganolfannau cerbydau y sir, neu ffoniwch 01263 570 881 am gopi trwy'r post.

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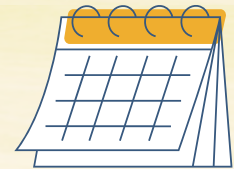


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one of the county's libraries or
leisure centres, or call
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Blaenoriaethau Is-grwp Amgylchedd 2022/23

Environment sub-group priorities 2022/23

- ▶ Sefydlu a chytuno ar gylch gorchwyl yr is-grŵp amgylchedd
- ▶ Sefydlu rhaglen dymor ar gyfer is-grŵp
- ▶ Canolbwyntio ar 1 flaenoriaeth allweddol ar gyfer newid
- ▶ Mynychu ymweliad/taith diwrnod (petai diddordeb)
- ▶ Establish and agree terms of reference of the environment sub-group
- ▶ Establish a term programme for sub-group
- ▶ Focus on 1 key priority for change
- ▶ Attend a day visit/trip (if there's interest)

Youth Council Environment Sub-Group Workshop Notes 20.10.23

At the time of the Environment Sub-Group workshop and as a starting point for discussion, the Sub-Group's priorities for the year 2022 - 2023 were shared. Following the discussion, it was decided to ensure that the work of the Subgroup develops, and to prioritise a £500 project for 2023 - 2024.

Based on this, there was discussion between members of the Environment Sub-Group about project ideas that will potentially be able to have development as the Sub-Group's main goal for this year. The Sub-Group will decide which project to follow at our next meeting in the new year on 2.2.24.

Project Ideas £500

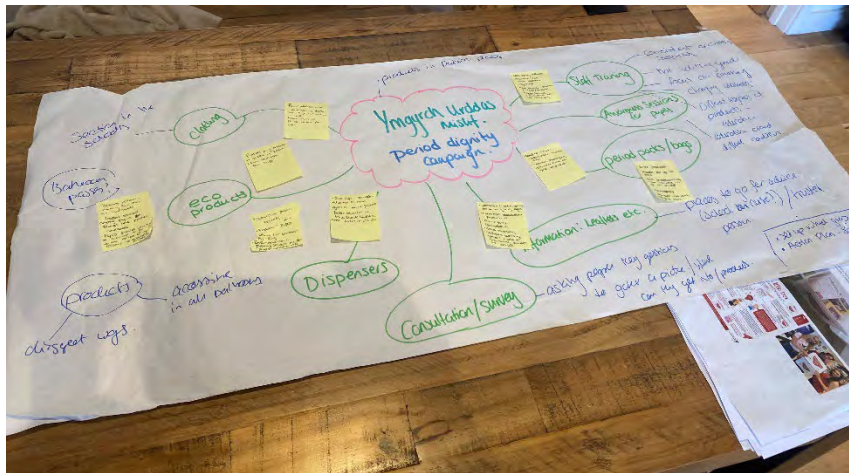
- Plants
 - Plastic Bottles – refund scheme
 - Community Cleaning
 - Red Kite
 - Re-wilding
 - Rubbish – more bins specifically in schools
 - Boosting tech use – reducing paper
 - Ceredigion Bay clean-up
 - Venues to get 'dog poo bags' – small sale codes and tougher rules around dog fouling penalties not cleared by owners
 - More and bigger bins – everywhere, school, town, seaside communities
- They don't need to be removed but rather some can be moved to more optimal locations in the community



Cyngor Ieuenctid Cyngor Sir Ceredigion

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Period Dignity Sub-Group Workshop Notes 21.10.22



- LE provided context to the sub-group.
- LE shared information around the Local Authority's Period Dignity Grant and how the group can have their say on how it's administered. Discussed terms and conditions (schedule 2 – appendices 1) and timescales.
- Referenced examples of work from other Counties in regards to targeting period poverty (appendices 2).
- Split into two and brainstormed. Shared ideas of how to distribute the grant and how the sub-group can make it a campaign / project for the year.
- Members shared experiences and ideas of what the current support looks like and what are the gaps.
- A broad range of areas talked about:
 - Training and Awareness for Teachers and School Staff (primary and secondary)
 - Products available in bathrooms without having to ask
 - Spare clothes available
 - 'trusted people' in schools who you can go to
 - Concern around being able to go to the bathroom during lessons without a 'bathroom pass'
 - Products available in primary schools as well as secondary schools



- Discreet ways to access products (like their packaging)
 - Eco products
 - Products being available in safe spaces within schools
 - Dispensers in the toilets
 - A list of public places where you can collect products like leisure centres and libraries
 - Better education in primary schools for all pupils to destigmatise periods and not splitting genders so everybody learns the same
 - Products available for transgender pupils
 - Places to go to talk
 - Better education on products available especially reusable products
 - Better education around toxic shock syndrome, endometriosis etc.
 - More understanding when asking to go to the toiler
 - Consistency across the county
 - Education from external professionals
 - School nurse / wellbeing officers available to support
 - Create a survey or questionnaire to gather a picture and get information
 - Leaflets / posters
- The next meeting of the sub-group will formalise an action plan of its priorities and what needs to be done to make it happen.



**SCHEDULE 2
The Targets**

Description of the Target
<p>Period products are to be made available to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all learners in all schools, free of charge and accessible in the most practical and dignified way possible. • those who menstruate, prioritising those from low income households, free of charge and accessible in the most practical and dignified way possible.
<p>A minimum of 65% of the total amount spent on period products must be used to purchase eco-friendly period products (i.e. re-usable products and/or plastic free) to allow maximum choice for users during 2022-2023. All Local Authorities should be making plans to ensure that by 2025 between 90 and 100% of products are eco-friendly.</p>
<p>The funding can also be used for the purchase of the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sanitary disposal bags; • storage purses / wet bags for use with reusable products; • clothing to be provided where learners and person(s) experiencing homelessness do not have a change of clean clothing available and menstrual bleeding has stained or soiled their clothing – limited to underwear, trousers, skirts, tights in school settings. • Period product dispensers
<p>Costs associated with the distribution of products to recipients (schools and communities) can be covered by the Grant e.g. postage to home addresses.</p>
<p>In very limited circumstances, local authorities may provide a voucher to individuals where products cannot be distributed to those in need through schools or community mechanisms and on the basis of their knowledge of their communities. Vouchers would be for a £10-15 value and cover a 3 month period.</p>
<p>Up to 20% of the total combined grant allocated to individual local authorities may be used for the purposes of training or education within schools and communities, for professionals, learners and community members. Any training and education must provide information and the opportunity to try (take home) reusable period products and should be aligned to existing training packages already on offer in the area.</p>
<p>A completed Welsh Government period dignity grant monitoring proforma must be provided to the Welsh Government twice per financial year (for the periods 1 April 2022 – 30 September 2022 and 1 October 2022 – 31 March 2023) describing how the funding has been spent. These forms are due by 31 October 2022 and the 30 April 2023.</p>



Appendices #2

Youth Sir Gar – Period Dignity Campaign 2019

Youth Sir Gar created a ‘period dignity box’ and distributed them to primary and secondary schools across Carmarthenshire. It included a leaflet, pictured below.



How can a little box change Carmarthenshire?

Carmarthenshire Youth Council participated in the yearly **Making Your Mark Ballot**. It brought to our attention several issues in the county. One of which was **Period Poverty**.

A project was then initiated, led by **Carmarthenshire Youth Council**, with support from the council's Youth Service and Education Department, called **#PeriodPovertySirGar**.

The aim was to make sure that girls do not miss out on their education, due to not having adequate protection during their period, and to change people's attitudes towards menstruation so that it is no longer a 'taboo' subject.

CYC Executive Board Member **Amber Treherne**, aged 15 from Burry Port, said: *"It's heart-breaking to hear about stories where girls are missing out on education due to not having sufficient protection whilst on their period, so it is clear something needs to be done. I hope that this project makes a difference within Carmarthenshire so we can come one step closer to ending period poverty once and for all."*

Council Deputy Leader **Cllr. Mair Stephens** agreed to become Carmarthenshire's **Period Poverty Champion**.

"I was pleased and honoured when the Youth Council asked me if I would be the Period Poverty Champion. Figures show that 7 in 10 girls aged between 14 and 21 living in the UK are unable to afford sanitary items. When we think about poverty, we think about food and housing, but this is a genuine concern, and the fact that periods are still a taboo subject for many makes it even more difficult to ask for help."

Boxes containing sanitary products are being distributed to all **97 primary schools** and **12 secondary schools**, as well as **colleges** and **youth groups**.

This has been supported by a **£56k** feminine hygiene grant from Welsh Government.

The campaign was launched at the **Carmarthenshire Youth Council Annual General Meeting** at County Hall.

A total of: **177,760** sanitary products have been purchased to fill the **Period Poverty** boxes.

The work is ongoing and we are looking forward to continuing this great project. We will keep you updated.



Glasgow City Council – Period Dignity Campaign 2022

Glasgow City Council started their period dignity campaign in January 2022 by undertaking a survey in schools to gather views.

Period Dignity Pupil Consultation

1,425

total responses to the Pupil Consultation



Pads most popular product choice, but

25% of pupils would like to see **Period Pants** available.



18%

were primary pupils.



82%

were secondary pupils.



30%

of pupils had accessed **free** period products.



Three Quarters

of all pupils were aware that their school provided free period products.



48%

felt fine about accessing free period products.



37%

felt embarrassed about accessing free products.



Is-Grwp Urddas Mislif
 Cyngor Ieuenctid Ceredigion
 Cynllun Gweithredu 2022-23

Beth sydd i'w wneud?	Pwy sy'n arwain?	I'w gwblhau erbyn?
Cyflwyno'r Cynllun Gweithredu i'r Prif Athrawon a/neu Arweinwyr Lles o fewn Ysgolion	Xenith, Aled, Janie & Ioan	Ionawr 2023
Ymchwilio a dod o hyd i becyn(nau) hyfforddi i athrawon a staff ysgolion (e.e. gan Brook) Hyfforddiant i staff priffwrdd a a ADY. Gall hyd at 20% o cyfanswm y grant fynd ar hyfforddiant. Oes digon o gyllid i gynnig sesiwn i rieni / gofalwyr?		Ionawr 2023
Sicrhau bod y pecyn(nau) hyfforddiant wedi eu cwblhau gyda athrawon a staff ysgolion		Mawrth 2023
Prynnu pecynnau hyfforddi / adnoddau i ysgolion. Gall hyn gynnwys costau cyfieithu. (e.e. gan HeyGirls)		Mawrth 2023
Gofyn i ysgolion adnabod 'person/pobl y gellir ymddiried ynnddo' i arwain ar urddas mislif, a 'ardal diogel' lle gall disgyblion gael mynediad i gynnyrch a chymorth ar sail 'no questions asked'.		Ionawr 2023
Prynnu nifer penodol o ddillad sbâr i ysgolion Uwchradd i gynnwys dillad isaf, trowsus, sgertiau, teits.		Mawrth 2023
Adnabod a prynnu cynnyrch mislif i greu pecynnau mislif 'discreet' gan gynnwys pypysiau / bagiau i fod ar gael ym mhob ysgol cynradd ac uwchradd, a'r UCD. Hefyd stoc ar gael i pobl ifanc sy'n cael eu haddysgu gartref. Lle ym mhob derbynfa i rieni / gofalwyr allu casglu cynnyrch. Rhaid defnyddio lleiafswm o 65% o'r cyfanswm sy'n cael ei wario ar gynhyrchion mislif i brynu cynhyrchion mislif ecogyfeillgar (h.y. cynhyrchion y gellir eu haildefnyddio a/neu heb blastig) er mwyn caniatáu'r dewis mwyaf posibl.		Mawrth 2023

Paratoi taflen gwybodaeth dwyieithog i bob ysgol fedru dosbarthu i'r disgyblion. Paratoi canllaw syml i ysgolion. Printio a dosbarthu.		Mawrth 2023
Gofyn i Bennaethiaid a/neu Arweinwyr Lles i ystyried adolygu eu polisi 'bathroom passes' pan mae'n dod i sicrhau urddas mislif. Oes modd cael dylanwad yma?		Mawrth 2023
Creu rhestr o leoliadau cymunedol sy'n cynnig nwyddau mislif am ddim	Lowri	Mawrth 2023
Cyflwyno llwyddiannau'r ymgyrch mewn gwasanaethau ysgol i gynyddu ymwybyddiaeth o'r gefnogaeth / cynnyrch sydd ar gael i ddisgyblion Datganiadau Wasg i hysbysebu'r gefnogaeth sydd ar gael.		March 2023

Period Dignity Sub-Group

Ceredigion Youth Council

Action Plan 2022-23

What needs to be done?	Who is leading?	Date to achieve by?
Present Action Plan to Head Teachers and/or School Wellbeing Leads	Xenith, Aled, Janie & Ioan	January 2023
Research and identify training package/s for teachers and school staff (e.g. Brook) Training for ALN staff and mainstream. Up to 20% of the total grant can be spent on training. Is there enough funding left to offer a session to parents / carers?		January 2023
Ensure training package/s is delivered to teachers and school staff		March 2023
Purchase training packs / resources for schools. This may also include translation of resources. (e.g. HeyGirls)		March 2023
Ask schools to identify a 'trusted person/s' to be period dignity lead and a 'safe space' where products and support can be accessed with 'no questions asked'.		January 2023
Purchase a set amount of spare clothing for secondary schools to include underwear, trousers, skirts, tights.		March 2023

<p>Identify and purchase period products to create discreet 'period packs' which include storage purses / bags to be available in all primary and secondary schools, including Pupil Referral Units. Also, products to be made available to home educated pupils.</p> <p>A space in each reception for parents / carers to collect products.</p> <p>A minimum of 65% of the total amount spent on period products must be used to purchase eco-friendly period products (i.e. re-usable products and/or plastic free) to allow maximum choice.</p>		March 2023
<p>Prepare a bilingual information leaflet for all schools to have available for pupils. Prepare a short guide for schools. Print and distribute.</p>		March 2023
<p>Ask Head Teachers and/or School Wellbeing Leads to consider their policy regarding 'bathroom passes' when it comes to ensuring period dignity. Can we influence this?</p>		March 2023
<p>Create a directory of community settings that stock free period products</p>	Lowri	March 2023
<p>Present campaign achievements at assemblies to develop greater awareness of the support / products available to pupils.</p> <p>Press releases to advertise the support that is available.</p>		March 2023

Puberty & Period Dignity Training

WITH
BROOK

For teachers, support staff and agencies
working with children and young people in
Ceredigion.

Choose from one of the following sessions:

25/04/23, 9.30am - 12.30pm
@ Ystafell Ystwyth, Penmorfa, Aberaeron

26/04/23, 9.30am - 12.30pm
@ Cardigan Leisure Centre, Cardigan

27/04/23, 9.30am - 12.30pm
@ Ystafell Medrus 3, Penbryn,
Penglais Campus, Aberystwyth University

End
Period
Poverty

To book your space or for more information, please
contact lowri.evans@ceredigion.gov.uk /
07966249004

In life, there are plenty of things to worry about,
periods shouldn't be one of them.

Training Aim:

To equip professionals with the knowledge and understanding on the process of menstruation, provide an understanding of what period dignity means, and provide professionals with practical skills to teach their pupils about periods.

Learning Outcomes:

- Recognise the statutory requirements for RSE and period education.
- Understand Welsh Government's 'Period Dignity Strategic Action Plan'.
- Understand the process of menstruation.
- Tackle myths and taboos concerning periods.
- Understand what products are available to people who menstruate, including reusable products.
- Understand what barriers could be experienced by those who menstruate and how to address these.
- Identify practical changes to ensure schools and other education settings are encouraging a culture of period dignity for pupils.

Funded by Welsh Government's Period Dignity Grant, this training is free to attend. Limited spaces available*

Period Dignity Webinar for Parents and Carers

WITH
BROOK

For parents and carers of children and
young people in Ceredigion.

Choose from one of
the following sessions:

25/04/23, 6.30pm - 7.30pm
~ via Zoom

26/04/23, 5.30pm - 6.30pm
~ via Zoom

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To register or for more information,
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In life, there are plenty of things to worry about,
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Training Aim:

To provide parents and carers with an understanding of menstruation and period products, and explore how they can support their child/young person when it comes to periods.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the process of menstruation.
- Understand myths and taboos concerning periods, and what barriers could be experienced by those who experience them.
- Understand what reusable products are, and what period products are available.
- Understand how to support those who menstruate.

Funded by Welsh Government's Period Dignity Grant, these webinars are free to attend. Zoom link will be shared with attendees. Limited spaces available*

COMMUNITY PERIOD PRODUCTS



Take what you need,
whenever you need it.

Ceredigion Youth Council
are working to combat
period poverty by ensuring
that every person in
Ceredigion has access to
period products, free of
charge, whenever
they need them!





Ceredigion Youth Council think it's important that people can make informed choices about what best suits their bodies when it comes to periods.

The community period products scheme offers the opportunity to try a variety of sanitary products for **free**, allowing you to choose the products that work best for you.

This scheme is designed to promote period dignity and tackle period poverty.

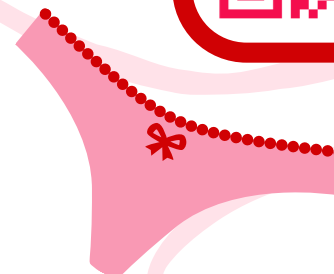
Many of the options are eco-friendly, plastic free or reusable.

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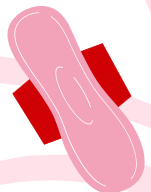
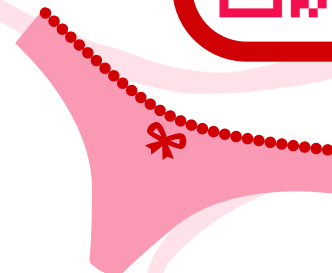
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Etholiad Cadeirydd Cyngor
Ieuencid 2023/24
Youth Council Chair
Person Election 2023/24

Ethol Cadeirydd Cyngor leuenctid / Electing a Youth Council Chairperson

- Cadeirio Cyfarfodydd Cyngor leuenctid/
Chair Youth Council Meeting
- Rôl adeg Digwyddiad Pawb A'i Farn 2024 /
A role during Pawb A'i Farn 2024 Event
- Cynrychioli aelodau'r Cyngor leuenctid tu allan i
gyfarfodydd / Represent Youth Council members
outside of meetings
- Taith i Lundain I gyfarfod Ben Lake AS / Trip to
London to meet Ben Lake MP

- Cwestiwn/Question:
- **Pam i chi'n teimlo mai chi yw'r aelod orau i fod yn
gadeirydd y Cyngor leuenctid?**
- **Why do you feel you are the best member to
chair the Youth Council?**

Ceredigion County Council's draft equality plan submission to the Youth Council

What does equality mean to you?



The participation rate for this presentation on Menti was 79% of the young people in the youth council.

Objective 1. Working for the Council

Do you think 'Working for the Council' should be part of our Plan?

82% of the youth council agreed working for the council should be part of the scheme.

Do you think it will make the Council a fairer place to work?

88% agreed the actions in the scheme will make the council a fairer place to work.

Tell us more about how we can make the Council a fairer place to work

Have equality with everyone whether that's gender or your background. No pay gap. Everyone equal pay

To prevent discriminatory speech towards Welsh speaking and non Welsh speakers and have equal right, pay, voice and to insure different people from different backgrounds get a say within the community

Report any bullying or racism or homophobia. Give everyone who wishes to join the council a fair chance. Ensure that there isn't a pay gap.

Equal pay for both men and women, ensure diversity, all voices should be heard,

zero tolerance for discrimination

Equal pay

Employ people with a minimum background check e.g. there is no requirements for a cleaner job. So everyone is able to be apart of the workforce

Equal pay and equal voices

ensure diversity, sicrhau bod dim pay gap

consider the needs of everyone

Gwneud yn siwr bod pobl o wahanol cefndiroedd y gwithle

Ensure that jobs not have bilingual as a need and more of a preference as it's commonly seen as a need.

All needs are met

Gwneud yn siwr fod addysg yn hanfodol i addysgu gweithwyr sut i drin pobl lleiafrifol yn hafal a theg

Ensure that its a comfortable environment, that also makes sure everyone gets treated with respect.

give minorities more of a voice and insure fair treatment

Objective 2. Being friends and respecting each other

Do you think this should be part of our Plan?

94% thought being friends and respecting each other should be in the plan.

Do you think the things we will do will help make Ceredigion a place where people are friends and respect each other?

Yes 64% agreed the actions we will do will help make Ceredigion a place where people are friends and respect each other

Open Mentimote

How can we make Ceredigion a more respectful and friendly place?

Good work environment, make sure any disturbances are dealt with	reinforce and educate about the importance of tolerance and equality	Agor ardaloedd saff er mwyn trafod unrhyw anhegwch mae person wedi'i wynebu. A gwneud yn siwr fod pethau yn cael eu wneud i yn erbyn y troseddwr
trust and equality	Place posters supporting LGBTQ rights as well as teaching in schools that bullying is wrong and to not discriminate against our peers	Less discrimination against the English population within the work place and schools. Especially with teachers being rude and discriminatory toward English students.
To advocate and educate about acceptance of appearance, race, gender, sexuality and disability		
Everyone treated equally	ensure that people are taught from a young age that discrimination is wrong	More education on equality from a young age
addysgu mwy am beidio discriminatio	Respect	More multi-cultural schools
Equality, no judgment	Addysgu pobl, cosbi pobl am anghydrddoldeb	Insure equal pay for everyone

Objective 3. Participation in decision making

Do you think 'Participation in decisions' should be part of our Plan?

98% agreed that 'Participation in decisions' should be part of our plan.

Do you think the things we will do will help more people from different backgrounds to be involved in decisions we make?

73% agreed that the things we do will help more people from different backgrounds to be involved in decisions we make.

Tell us more about how we can make it easier for more people from different backgrounds to get involved in decisions

anonymous surveys	More accessability	sicrhau llefydd i bobl allu rhoi eu barn
Advertise it more, make people more aware	Anonymous speaking, to create a safe environment	Give people more chances to offer their opinions
Ask for peoples opinions	Easy to report discrimination or hate crimes	Gwneud yn siwr fod lleisiau yn cael ei clywed. A ddim wedi'i anwybyddu
reach out to different groups and organisations, advertise it	No judgment, make sure that things are accessible and safe	Sicrhau bod Eu lleisiau yn cael ei clywed
Allow people to say their opinions in a way they're confident in, whether that's through an email, essay, speaking, motions (non agressive) etc	Anonymous surveys	Make sure everyones voice is taken into account, more chances to speak out
Have a anonymous box		

Objective 4. Access to services

Do you think 'being able to access services' should be part of our Plan?

88% agreed 'access to services' should be part of our plan

Do you think that the things that we will do will make it easier for people to access services in the Council?

Yes 72% agreed that the things we will do will make it easier for people to access services in the Council

Tell us more about how we can make it easier for people to access services at the Council.

Websites

bod ar y cyfryngau cymdeithasol

More information in more languages. Polish, Romaine etc

Ensure that there are ramps present for wheelchair users

Speak both English and Welsh

Talk about it in schools, fliers, adverts

Ar lein neu rhif ffon gall Ei ffonio am y manyliom

Angen sicrhau fod yr accesibility yn dda. A ddim wedi cael ei wneud yn will nill

More awareness of the services available on social media bilingually

Allow the option to have home visits for people with mental health problems or disabilities

social media, and accessibility for disabled people

Easy to website which accommodates for people with disabilities

Create online posts or news articles offering people opportunities

ask disabled people what would best benefit them

To create a forum or website where people could access these cservices online and anonymously. To advertise it to all ages, race ect. To make sure its known to be equal and diverse

Objective 5. Education

Do you think 'Education' should be part of our Plan?

90% thought education should be part of the scheme.

Do you think the things we will do will make education more fair and safe for everyone?

57% agreed that things we will do will make education more fair and safe for all

Tell us more about how we can make education fair and safe for all

Have places to report hate crimes	hyfforddi athrawon	Don't allow teachers to bully students or harass them
Educate children on societal issues from a younger age	Cosbi y rhai sy'n bwlio a hyfforddi athrawon	Safe spaces
restructure the way lessons are taught to be more inclusive of all students	Cael toledau unisex er mwyn fod ddim rhaid i pobl trawsrhywiol ddefnyddio toledau athrawon neu rhai anabl.	ensure the safety and security of minority students, and educate both students and teachers on important matters
Try and limit stigma to avoid bullying, safer space to report discrimination	addysgu plant am ymddygiad derbyniol	less priority placed on academic intelligence
Creating an accepting environmet, to educate about diversity and hate crime in a safe environment	Teach students are have knowledge about this topic	Educated people at a younger age
Third party services to help with hate crime and bullying		

Pleidleisio mewn Etholiadau – Pobl Ifanc

Voting in Elections – Young People

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**Dy bleidlais
yw dy lais di**

Heb gofrestru i bleidleisio neu wedi
symud yn ddiweddar?
Cofrestru i bleidleisio yn
gov.uk/cofrestru-i-bleidleisio

MAE DY BLEIDLAIS YN CYFRI
PAID COLLI DY GYFLE 

**Your vote
is your voice**

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**YOUR VOTE MATTERS
DON'T LOSE IT** 

Codwch eich llaw os ydych chi'n meddwl...

Raise your hand if you think...

Dylid gwneud mwy i leihau gwastraff plastig yn ein cefnforoedd.

More should be done to reduce plastic waste in our oceans.



Codwch eich llaw os ydych chi'n meddwl...

Raise your hand if you think...

Dylai'r DU sicrhau bod gan bob plentyn yn y byd ddigon i fwyta.

The UK should ensure that every child in the world has enough to eat.



Codwch eich llaw os ydych chi'n meddwl...

Raise your hand if you think...

Dylai gwyliau ysgol fod yn fyrrach.

Summer holidays should be made shorter.



**“IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO
JUST WANT CHANGE...
YOU HAVE TO GO AND
MAKE CHANGE BY
VOTING.”**



**- TAYLOR
SWIFT**









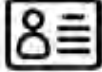




Beth yw Democratiaeth?

What is Democracy?

The word democracy comes from the Greek words "**demos**", meaning people, and "**kratos**" meaning power; so democracy can be thought of as "power of the people": a way of governing which depends on the will of the people.

Daw'r gair democratiaeth o'r geiriau Groeg "**demos**", sy'n golygu pobl, a "**kratos**" sy'n golygu pŵer; felly gellir meddwl am ddemocratiaeth fel "grym y bobl": ffordd o lywodraethu sy'n dibynnu ar ewylls y bobl.







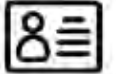






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Angen dull adnabod â llun					

*Gwladolion Tramor Cymwys: Gwladolion tramor sydd â chaniatâd i ddod i'r DU neu aros yn y DU neu nad oes angen caniatâd o'r fath arnynt. Er enghraifft:

myfyrwyr prifysgol rhyngwladol neu ffoaduriaid (y rhai y mae eu cals am loches wedi cael ei dderbyn / y rhai sydd wedi cael caniatâd i aros)



		UK Parliamentary Election	Police and Crime Commissioner Election	Senedd (Welsh Government) Election	Local Government Election
					
Age		18 +	18 +	16 +	16 +
Nationality		British & Commonwealth citizens only (EU citizens and foreign citizens not entitled to vote)	British, Commonwealth & EU citizens only (Foreign citizens not entitled to vote)	British, Commonwealth, EU and Qualifying Foreign National* Citizens	British, Commonwealth, EU and Qualifying Foreign National* Citizens*
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*Qualifying Foreign National Citizens: Citizens of foreign nations who have leave to enter or remain in the UK or who do not require such leave. For example: international university students or refugees (those who have been granted asylum/leave to remain)





<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/cy/croeso-i-dy-bleidlais/adnoddau-ar-gyfer-pobl-14-18-oed/dy-bleidlais-0>



Pam ei bod hi'n bwysig i gofrestri i bleidleisio?

Why is it important to register to vote?

- I ddweud eich dweud.
- Yn creu galw.
- Sgôr Credyd - Benthyciadau banc, morgais, cyllid ceir ac ati.
- Tai Fforddiadwy / Prawf o gyfeiriad
- Mae 'landlords' yn aml yn gwirio'r Cofrestr Agored - gall eich helpu i gael tŷ / fflat.
- To have your say.
- Creates demand.
- Credit Score - Bank loans, mortgage, car finance etc.
- Affordable Housing / Proof of address.
- Landlords often check the Open Register – can help you get a house/flat.



Cofrestru i Bleidleisio

Registering to vote

Gwnewch yn siŵr fod gennych y canlynol:

- Eich cyfeiriad
- Eich enw llawn
- Eich dyddiad geni
- Eich rhif yswiriant gwladol

Make sure you have:

- Your address
- Your full name
- Your date of birth
- Your national insurance number



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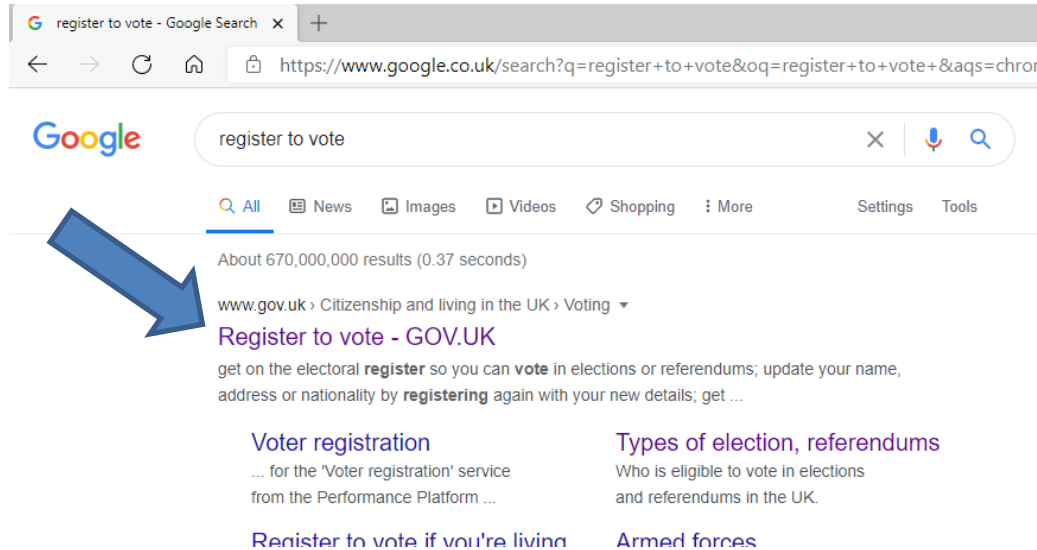
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Er mwyn dod o hyd i'r wefan:

- Teipiwch www.gov.uk/register-to-vote
- Neu chwiliwch am 'register to vote' a chliciwch ar y canlyniad cyntaf

To find the website:

- Type www.gov.uk/register-to-vote
- Or search 'register to vote' and click on the first result

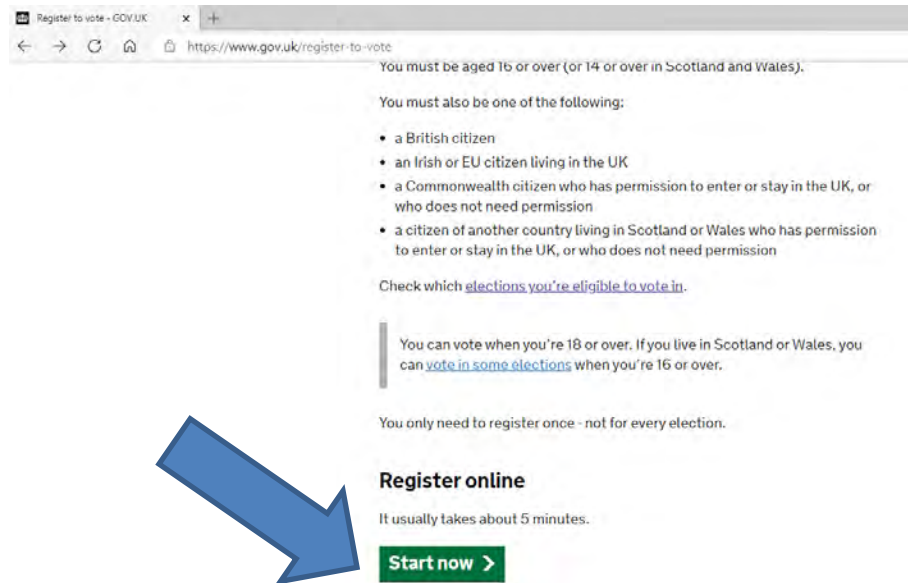


Dechreuwch y broses gofrestru

Start the registration process

Sgroliwch i lawr a chliciwch ar 'start now' - ni ddylai hyn gymryd mwy na **5 munud**.

Scroll down and click 'start now' - it should take no more than **5 minutes**.



Y gofrestr etholiadol a'r gofrestr agored

The electoral register and the open register

Mae yna 2 gofrestr

- Mae'r gofrestr etholiadol yn rhestru pawb sydd wedi cofrestru i bleidleisio.
- Caiff y gofrestr etholiadol ei ddefnyddio i gwirio ceisiadau am gredyd.
- Mae'r gofrestr agored yn rhan o'r gofrestr etholiadol. Gall unrhyw unigolyn, cwmni neu sefydliad ei phrynu.

There are 2 registers

- The electoral register is a list of everyone who is registered to vote.
- The electoral register is also used to check credit applications.
- The open register is an extract of the electoral register, but is not used for elections. It can be bought by any person, company or organisation.

Do you want to opt out of the 'open register'?

The electoral register lists the name and address of everyone who's registered to vote.

There are 2 versions of the electoral register - the full version and the 'open register' ('edited register' in Northern Ireland).

You can opt out of the open register. This is the version of the register that's available to anyone who wants to buy a copy.

Opting out will not affect your right to vote.

I do not want my name and address to appear in the open register



Pleidleisio drwy'r post

Apply to vote by post

Pe hoffech chi bleidleisio drwy'r post

- Cliciwch 'Yes, send me a postal vote application form'

If you would like to vote by post

- Select 'Yes, send me a postal vote application form'

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GOV.UK Register to vote

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Do you want to apply for a postal vote?

No, I prefer to vote in person

No, I already have a postal vote

Yes, send me a postal vote application form

[▶ What is a postal vote?](#)

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Cysylltwch â ni:

Os oes gennych chi unrhyw gwestiynau neu bryderon, mae croeso i chi gysylltu â ni:

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Rhif ffôn: 01545 57032

Contact Us:

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us:

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YOUR VOTE MATTERS

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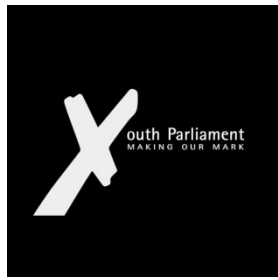


United Kingdom

Youth Parliament

MAKING OUR MARK





Beth yw ASI? What is an MYP?

Aelod Seneddol Ifanc (ASI) yw unigolyn sydd wedi cael ei ethol gan bobl ifanc i gynrychioli eu hardal lleol. Etholir ASI yn flynyddol ym mhob rhan o Brydain.

A Member of Youth Parliament (MYP) is an individual elected by young people to represent their local area. Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs) are elected *annually* in every part of the UK.

Yr agwedd bwysicaf o fod yn ASI yw i sicrhau eu bod yn cynrychioli barn pobl ifanc yn eu hardal.

The most important aspect of any MYP's job is to make sure they represent the views of the young people in their constituency.



Sut i ddod yn ASI?

How to become an MYP?



- I ddod yn ASI, mae rhaid iddoch gael eich hethol gan bobl ifanc eraill.
- Rydym yn ethol ASI Ceredigion drwy Cyngor Ieuenctid y Sir ac mae angen i chi fod yn flywddyn 12 (petai'n mynychu ysgol) neu 16+ petai chi wedi gadael ysgol.
- Mae etholiadau fel arfer yn digwydd rhwng Mis Hydref a Mis Tachwedd (yn ddibynol ar ddydiadau cyfarfodydd y Cyngor Ieuenctid). Mae term ASI Ceredigion yn rhedeg am flwyddyn rhwng mis Rhagfyr a Tachwedd
- To become an MYP you have to be elected by other young people.
- We elect Ceredigion MYP through the Ceredigion Youth Council and you will need to be in Year 12 (if attending school) or 16+ if you have left school.
- Elections usually take place between October and November (depending on Youth Council meeting dates). Ceredigion's MYP term runs for a Year from December to November.

Faint o amser sydd angen i mi ymrwymo? How much time do I need to commit?



- Mae tymor ASI fel arfer yn para am flwyddyn.
- Bydd angen sicrhau eich bod ar gael i fynychu rhai digwyddiadau (yw gytuno), yn benodol y ddadl fyw yn y Tŷ Cyffredin **neu** taith i Lundain i gyfarfod AS Ceredigion.
- Bydd disgwyl i chi ymrwymo ychydig amser i godi proffil, casglu barn a chwrdd â gwahanol bobl.
- An MYP's term of office usually lasts for one year.
- You will need to ensure that you are available for some events (to be agreed), in particular the live debate in the House of Commons **or** a trip to London to visit our MP.
- You will be expected to commit some time to raise profile, gather opinions and meet with various people.

Blas ar weithgareddau ASI Ceredigion / A taste of Ceredigion MYP Activities

- Cyfarfod Arweinydd Y Sir a AS Ceredigion / Meet leader of the Council and Ceredigion MYP
- Cefnogi Ymgyrch Leol Pobl Ifanc Ceredigion / Support Ceredigion Local Young People's Campaign support
- Hybu llais pobl ifanc yn lleol / Promote young people's opinions locally
- Datganiadau Wasg / Press Releases
- Aelod Panel am wahanol ddigwyddiadau / Panel member for various events
- Mynychu rhai cyfarfodydd lleol yn rhithiol an yn bersonol / Attend some virtual and in person local meetings
- Cynnal sgwrsiau grwp / Hold group discussions
- Eistedd Tŷ'r Cyffredin SIDU / UKYP House of Commons Sitting neu/or Ymweld a AS Ceredigion yn Llundain / Visit Ceredigion MP in London
- Cofrestru gyda SIDU / Register with UKYP



Pa sgiliau y byddaf yn eu ddatblygu wrth fod yn ASI? What skills will I develop whilst being an MYP?

- Sgiliau Cyfathrebu – Communication skills
- Sgiliau Siarad Cyhoeddus – Public speaking skills
- Dealltwriaeth pellach o
wleidyddiaeth a materion
cyfoes – Greater knowledge of politics
and current affairs
- Y gallu i edrych ar faterion o
safbwynt rhywun arall – The ability to look at an issue
from someone else's perspective
- Sgiliau dadlau – Debating skills

Y Profiad... The Experience...



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6MdFw-6c-c>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SK98WCTwfmQ>



Unrhyw gwestiynau?
Any Questions?

Yr Etholiad...
The Election...



Interested in making a positive change by representing the voices of Ceredigion's young people?

Join Ceredigion Youth Council 2023 - 2024!



Meeting dates:	To include:
20.10.23	Elect New Chairperson
02.02.24	Ceredigion's Young People Local Ballot
20.03.24	Ceredigion's Local Ballot Results
12.07.24	'Pawb A'i Farn Ceredigion 2024' Event



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CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 30 November 2023

Title: Update regarding Childcare provision in Lampeter

Purpose of the report:

To update members on progress made in relation to supporting sufficient Childcare in Lampeter.

Reason Scrutiny have requested the information:

Scrutiny requested a 6-month update on progress made to supporting the sufficiency of childcare provision in Lampeter.

Background

The Year 1 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Progress Report presented to Scrutiny in July 2023 highlighted the insufficiency of childcare availability in Lampeter. This was a concern with regard to supporting the Welsh Government's (WG) commitment to rolling out the Flying Start childcare entitlement of 12.5 hours a week of funded childcare for 2 – 3 year olds in the town.

Following the agreement to extend funded childcare through the Flying Start programme to 2 year olds in Wales, Ceredigion undertook a large scoping exercise to identify the areas for expansion. This included careful analysis of various datasets and discussions with key partners on identifying which LSOAs to expand to. Following submission of a business case to WG the following LSOAs were agreed as the expansion areas, which commenced in April 2023:

- Lampeter 1 & 2
- Tregaron
- New Quay
- Lledrod
- Llangeitho
- Borth
- Ceulanmaemawr.

Lampeter is the only town without a Cylch Meithrin or sessional childcare provision for 2-4 year olds.

Currently, many 3 year olds are starting school (mornings only) having not attended any form of childcare.

Current Situation

Although Lampeter LSOA 1 & 2 were approved for the expansion, the number of childcare places available do not meet the demand, therefore many children aren't able to access eligible childcare.

Lampeter has 1 private day nursery registered for 36 children and 3 childminders offering 22 places. All providers are currently full and are unable to accept any additional children who are eligible for the 12.5 hours a week of funded Flying Start childcare.

The primary objectives for expanding Flying Start are:

- *to ensure children get the best possible start in life;*
- *to tackle poverty and deprivation; and*
- *to increase the provision of childcare services and of Welsh medium childcare places and settings.*

Research tells us that high-quality childcare produces greater longer-term benefits for our children and strongly influences their future life chances. The right childcare can help tackle some of the more entrenched issues that result from living in deprivation, including low skills and poor health that will take time to overcome.

Research shows that children who attend quality early years settings are more independent, concentrate on their play for longer and, on entry to school, are more co-operative and better prepared for the challenges they meet.

[Phased expansion of Early Years Provision | GOV.WALES](#)

19 children are currently eligible for Flying Start childcare in the Lampeter 1 & 2 area. However, the Local Authority can only fund places for 10 children due to insufficient spaces being available. Initial conversations and investigations into expansion were held with the private Day Nursery. Following the decision by the Day Nursery not to expand its service due to premises issues, Flying Start officers have been working with Mudiad Meithrin to investigate the potential to establish a new Cylch Meithrin in Lampeter.

Mudiad Meithrin Development Officers have identified individuals to establish a Volunteer Committee. The role of the committee is to act as the governing body or registered person with CIW. The committee holds the overall responsibility and liability for the provision, and not the manager or any staff member. The Committee need to ensure that they

- Meet the legal requirements to operate as a childcare setting and registered charity
- Have sound financial systems established and maintained, and the setting is sustainable to run
- Confidentiality is upheld at all times.

Finding a suitable venue to accommodate a Cylch Meithrin/Sessional childcare has been difficult due to requirements to adhere to Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) / National Minimum standards (NMS) regulations. However, progress is now being made. Discussions are taking place to establish a Cylch in either the Scouts Hut in

Lampeter or possibly within Ysgol Bro Pedr. The Cylch will aim to open in January as an unregistered setting to begin with, which means that children can only access the provision for less than two hours, with the intention to become registered with Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) by April 2024.

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If not, please state why.

No. This is an update on progress made to supporting the sufficiency of childcare provision in Lampeter following an update on Year 1 Progress Report for the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Report presented in July.

Summary of Integrated Impact Assessment:

Long term: N/A
Collaboration: N/A
Involvement: N/A
Prevention: N/A
Integration: N/A

Recommendation(s):

No recommendations required. Further updates will be presented to Scrutiny as part of the Year 2 CSA Progress Report.

Reasons for decision:

No decision required – update on progress made.

Contact Name: Carys Davies

Designation: Childcare Strategic Manager

Date of Report: 6 November 2023

Acronyms:

- WG Welsh Government
- LA Local Authority
- FS Flying Start
- CSA Childcare Sufficiency Assessment
- CIW Care Inspectorate Wales

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Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

REPORT TO: Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

DATE: 30 November 2023

LOCATION: Hybrid

TITLE: Update from the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Workstream

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To provide feedback on the work of the workstream

REASON SCRUTINY HAVE REQUESTED THE INFORMATION:

BACKGROUND:

The Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee established four workstreams for raising awareness, training purposes, exploring topics in greater detail and for identifying aspects which require further scrutiny at its meeting on 11 October 2012 as part of the forward work programme planning process. The workstreams have been reviewed and updated during 2022. The members of the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee are divided between the workstreams and the Chairman and Vice Chair attends and contributes to all three.

Ensure that local and national priorities are delivered effectively	Ensure equity for all pupils	Ensure an effective and efficient infrastructure to meet our priorities
Councillor: Endaf Edwards Chris James Euros Davies Rhodri Davies Elizabeth Evans	Councillor: Endaf Edwards Chris James Paul Hinge Marc Davies Amanda Edwards Mark Strong Ann Bowen Morgan	Councillor: Endaf Edwards Chris James Meirion Davies Eryl Evans Gareth Lloyd

All Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are invited to the current workstream meetings.

CURRENT SITUATION:

Ensure equity for all pupils

The 'Ensure Equity for all Pupils' workstream met on 20th October 2023 at Cwrtnwydd. The workstream received a presentation on the 'Sgiliau Bywyd, Sgiliau Gwaith' which is the alternative curriculum provision delivered by Lifelong Learning and Skills Service, for disengaged learners in Key Stage 4

The aims of this alternative curriculum provision is to ensure that the most vulnerable / at risk learners:

- Have access to a bespoke Alternative Curriculum to meet their needs
- Have the skill sets required to contribute to the local economy
- Have the best opportunity to achieve and reach their full potential
- Improve their attainment and attendance
- Develop social, emotional and behavioural skills
- Leave school with relevant qualifications.

There are currently 102 pupils enrolled on the provision. The Alternative Curriculum is currently funded via the UK Shared Prosperity Funding, which ends 31st December 2024.

Year 9,10,11 pupils that are at risk of disengaging from education are eligible to attend the alternative curriculum. This cohort are identified through RAG/VAP scores, referrals through school, other internal services or outside agencies

The following qualifications can be achieved. All BTEC Level 1 Introductory Certificates are equivalent to 2 GCSE's (D-G).

<u>Cyrsiau'r Darparwyr Allanol/ External Provider Courses</u>	
<u>Darparwyr/Provider</u>	<u>Cymhwyster/Qualification</u>
<u>Ieuentid Cambria Youth</u>	BTEC Level 1 Introductory Certificate in Sport
<u>Engineering (HCT)</u>	BTEC Level 1 Introductory Certificate in Engineering
<u>Hairdressing (HCT)</u>	City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in an Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector
<u>Plumbing (HCT)</u>	City & Guilds 6219 Level 1 Award/Certificate
<u>Motor Mechanics (HCT)</u>	BTEC Level 1 Introductory Certificate in Transport and Vehicle
<u>Carpentry (HCT)</u>	BTEC Level 1 Introductory Certificate in Construction
<u>Construction (HCT)</u>	BTEC Level 1 Introductory Certificate in Construction
<u>Childcare (HCT)</u>	BTEC Level 1 Introductory Certificate in Vocational Studies
<u>Land-Based Studies (HCT)</u>	BTEC Level 1 Introductory Certificate in Land-Based Studies
<u>Art & Design (HCT)</u>	BTEC Level 1 Introductory Certificate in Art and Design
<u>Bywyd & Bywyd</u>	BTEC Level 2 Award in Home Cooking Skills (½ GCSE B grade) & BTEC Level 1 Introductory Certificate in Hospitality and Tourism
<u>Digital Media (Dysgu Bro)</u>	BTEC Level 1 Introductory Certificate in Digital Media

There were 3 'Sgiliau Bywyd, Sgiliau Gwaith' courses being delivered during the visit.

Members were shown around the facilities at Cwrtnwydd and had the opportunity to observe the teaching and speak to the pupils.

Film clips were also shared with the group, during the visit. These were films that had been created by Theatr Felinfach and the Music Service to evidence the work that had been done with pupils from Canolfan y Môr, HRC Penglais, LRC Penglais, and Canolfan y Bont.

Members thanked officers for the opportunity to visit Cwrtnwydd.

The remaining Workstream meetings have been scheduled as follows:

Sicrhau bod blaenoriaethau lleol a chenedlaethol yn cael eu darparu'n effeithiol	Sicrhau is adeiledd effeithiol ac effeithlon i gwrdd â'n blaenoriaethau
Ensure that local and national priorities are delivered effectively	Ensure an effective and efficient infrastructure to meet our priorities
January 2024	December 2023
Ysgol Henry Richards / Ysgol Y Dderi	Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If, not, please state why.

No

Summary of Integrated Impact Assessment:

Long term: N/A
Collaboration: N/A
Involvement: N/A
Prevention: N/A
Integration: N/A

RECOMMENDATION (S):

To note the work of the workstream

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION (S):

Contact Name:	Lisa Evans
Designation:	Scrutiny and Standards Officer
Date of Report:	10/11/23
Acronyms:	

Minutes of the Meeting of LEARNING COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

held at the Hybrid - Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron / remotely via video conference on Thursday, 28 September 2023

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

Also in attendance: Councillors Wyn Thomas (Cabinet Member) and Bryan Davies (Leader of the Council) together with Mrs Cathryn Charnell-White (Co-opted Member with voting rights)

Officers in attendance: Mr Barry Rees, Corporate Director, Mrs Elen James, Corporate Lead Officer:-Lifelong Learning and Chief Education Officer, Mr Clive Williams , Corporate Lead Officer: Schools and Deputy Chief Education Officer Mr Gwion Dafydd, Corporate Manager, Accountability and Progress, School Services, Mr Gareth Lanagan, School Support Advisor, Ms Mair Hughes, Headteacher, Penglais School, Mr Gareth Hughes, Post 14 Curriculum Co-ordinator, Mrs Lisa Evans, Scrutiny and Standards Officer and Mrs Dana Jones, Democratic and Standards Officer

(10:00am-12:45pm)

1 **Apologies**

Councillor Paul Hinge apologised for his inability to attend the meeting.

2 **Personal Matters**

Best wishes were extended to Mrs Mary Davies as she was currently absent from work due to illness.

Congratulations were extended to the scheme 'Bwyd & Hwyl over the summer period at Aberystwyth.

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

Councillors Endaf Edwards, Euros Davies, Marc Davies, Meirion Davies, Amanda Edwards, Elizabeth Evans, Eryl Evans, Chris James, Ann Bowen Morgan and Mark Strong declared a personal interest in item 5 as they were all school governors.

4 **GCSE and A Level Results 2023**

The Cabinet Member for Schools, Lifelong Learning and Skills, Councillor Wyn Thomas presented the report and stated that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, external examinations in their traditional form -were not held in school in the Summer of 2020 nor the Summer of 2021. For the Summer of 2022, Qualifications Wales decided that the National results would reflect a halfway point between the results of Summer 2019 and Summer 2021. To that end, the 2023 results were not comparable with previous years.

The provisional percentages for Ceredigion was reported (official data would be available in early October).

THE CURRENT SITUATION:

GCSE Results 2023

National Comparison – Summer 2023 exams (WJEC GCSE only)

	Ceredigion 2023	Wales 2023
Grade A* - A	24.8%	21.7%
Grade A* - C	68.6%	64.9%
Grade A* - G	97.2%	96.9%

A range of indicators are considered when evaluating results locally. These look at pupils' best grades at the end of Year 11:

Indicators	Definition	Ceredigion 2023
5A*-C(IM)	Percentage of pupils who have gained 5 GCSEs grades A*-C (or equivalent) including Language and Maths/Numeracy	55.0%
5A*-C	Percentage of pupils who have gained 5 GCSEs grades A*-C (or equivalent)	66.0%
5A*-G	Percentage of pupils who have gained 5 GCSEs grades A*-G (or equivalent)	92.2%
5A*-A	Percentage of pupils who have gained 5 GCSEs grades A*-A (or equivalent)	22.4%
Welsh	Percentage of pupils who have gained a GCSE grade A*-C in Welsh First Language	70.1%

English	Percentage of pupils who have gained a GCSE grade A*-C in English Language	62.3%
Mathematics	Percentage of pupils who have gained a GCSE grade A*-C in Mathematics	58.5%
Numeracy	Percentage of pupils who have gained a GCSE grade A*-C in Mathematics Numeracy	57.2%
Science	Percentage of pupils who have gained a GCSE grade A*-C in Science	62.8%

A Level Results 2023

National Comparisons – Summer Exams 2023 (WJEC A-levels only)

	Ceredigion 2023	Wales 2023
Grade A* - A	37.5%	34.0%
Grade A* - B	61.4%	n/a
Grade A* - C	82.5%	n/a
Grade A* - E	99.1%	97.5%

It was AGREED to note the report for information and to congratulate all pupils and staff on their achievements.

5 The Post-16 Education provision in schools

The Cabinet Member for Schools, Lifelong Learning and Skills, Councillor Wyn Thomas presented the report and Mr Barry Rees, Corporate Director, Mrs Elen James, Corporate Lead Officer:-Lifelong Learning and Chief Education Officer, Mr Clive Williams, Corporate Lead Officer Schools and Deputy Chief Education Officer provided a power point presentation highlighting its content.

It was reported that at the Cabinet meeting held virtually on 11 January 2022, it was agreed that it would be timely to undertake a review of the post-16 provision in Ceredigion. The aim of the review was to provide an analysis and appraisal of the current post-16 provision in Ceredigion and identify sustainable options for the future, along with their potential advantages and disadvantages.

The aim of the review was to:

- create a set of agreed principles that were learner-centric
- offer a range of accessible and sustainable options whilst ensuring that the voices of the learners, governors, parents, headteachers and Local Authority officers were an integral part of the process

- ensure that full consideration had been given to the findings and recommendations of Estyn’s national reviews and the background to Welsh Government’s current policy, including the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research and the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act
- consider rurality and the implications for carbon footprints.

There was also a wider context to this review, namely:

- Welsh Government’s decision to establish the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research (CTER) which would be responsible for the strategy, funding, and oversight of the further education sector, including colleges and the sixth forms in schools.
- Estyn’s Thematic Report regarding Post-16 Partnerships (January 2021).
- The opportunities available through the Mid Wales Growth Deal, the Economic Strategy, and the Regional Partnership Board with regards to the needs and skills of the workforce for the future and the central role of the Regional Skills Partnership (RSP) in the collection and analysis of information.
- The need to ensure a broad and quality vocational offer, along with a wider offering of A-Level subjects, which allows learners to pursue different combinations of subjects and to specialise in their interests, regardless of where they live in the county.
- Estyn Report – A review of the current 16-19 curriculum in Wales (October 2022)

It was agreed that a set of “agreed principles which were learner centric” should be created, to ensure that the voices of learners, governors, parents and headteachers are an integral part of the report.

Members were informed that 6 principles were created -

- 1) The needs of the learner should be prioritised over any organisational needs.
- 2) The generally high standards in Ceredigion schools should be maintained and improved.
- 3) There should be more fairness and equal opportunities for all learners across the county in terms of the offer, advice and guidance, pastoral care and wellbeing, travel requirements, learning pattern and access to support. This includes ensuring bespoke and specialist support for pupils with additional learning needs ensuring a continuum of education for them in the absence of a special school in the county.
- 4) The Welsh-medium offer should be improved to be at least consistent with the English medium offer to increase the number of Welsh speakers in Ceredigion and to contribute to a bilingual workforce and community.
- 5) Access to a wide range of quality academic and vocational courses should be ensured, increasing the number of vocational courses currently available for pupils in all parts of the county.
- 6) The governance of the post-16 provision should promote the above principles, consider the strategic quality improvement processes, ensure that expenditure was kept as much as possible within the post-16 budget and

allow decisions to be made that consider environmental sustainability and carbon footprint.

A key part of the review included gathering the views of a broad group of stakeholders. Surveys were sent to key groups, namely learners, parents / carers, teachers and employers, and a total of 1,306 responses were received from these individuals. In addition, interviews were conducted with representatives from educational providers, the local authority and other partners.

The responses were analysed and placed under six main themes -

- Wide choice
- Language
- Location
- Connections with the world of work
- Collaboration between schools or the establishment of centres of excellence
- Teachers and good, unbiased advice

The next step was to consider the current situation, i.e, the number of pupils, the financial situation, the range of subjects available to the learners etc, and to produce options to consider that look at the advantages and disadvantages in the context of the principles.

In short, the review asks for views regarding four possible options:

Option 1: Maintain the Current Situation

Option 2: Develop the Current Situation

Post-16 provision would continue on the 6 existing sites. The 6 current Governing Boards would continue with their current roles in terms of governance up to 16 but agree with the Local Authority to form a Strategic Board which would manage the Authority's post-16 budget, ensure suitable arrangements for joint planning of the curriculum and then commission the provision from the schools, e-sgol and other partners.

Option 3: Provision in some schools

This option would be a development of Option 2 above. It would mean closing the post-16 provision at one or more sites. Then, as in Option 2, those Governing Boards would continue with their current roles in terms of governance up until the age of 16 and agree with the Local Authority to form a Strategic Board that would manage the Authority's post-16 budget, ensure suitable arrangements for joint planning of the curriculum and then commissioning the provision from the schools, e-sgol and other partners. The Board would also be responsible for monitoring the quality of the provision and make recommendations to the Local Authority and the providers for improvement.

Option 4: One Centre

This option would offer a more far-reaching change. It would mean closing the current post-16 provision and establishing a Centre of Excellence, involving a range of partners, at one or more suitable geographical sites. A Governing Body independent of the schools would be responsible for the funding and the curriculum and would appoint a small number of core staff to steer and manage the work.

Following questions from the floor on the options presented, it was AGREED to recommend to Cabinet to undertake a Feasibility Study to consider Option 2 and Option 4 in the Review, however, Option 3 should also be considered if the information provided for Option 2 and 4 was not viable.

6 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

Item 8- It was reported that the EnsureEquity for all pupils Workstream would be visiting Cwrtnewydd on the 20 October 2023. All other Members on the Committee were also invited to attend.

7 To consider the draft Forward Work Programme

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

- (i) Update report on the 14-16 qualifications be presented at the next meeting; and
- (ii) The six month update on Child Sufficiency Assessment would also be presented

8 Any Other Business

It was AGREED that a letter of concern be sent to the Welsh Government from the Chair of the Committee regarding the likely real-terms cut in the County Council budget for 2024/25 and its subsequent impact on the education service and specifically the County's schools.

Confirmed at the Meeting of the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 27 November 2023

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

REPORT TO: Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

DATE: 30 November 2023

LOCATION: Hybrid

TITLE: Draft Forward Work Programmes 2023/24

PURPOSE OF REPORT: Review the current work programme of the Committee

REASON SCRUTINY HAVE REQUESTED THE INFORMATION: The forward work programme of the Committee is reviewed and updated at each meeting

BACKGROUND:

Overview and Scrutiny Committees oversee the work of the Council to make sure that it delivers services in the best way and for the benefit of the local community.

The role of Overview and Scrutiny is to look at the services and issues that affect people in Ceredigion. The process provides the opportunity for Councillors to examine the various functions of the council, to ask questions on how decisions have been made, to consider whether service improvements can be put in place and to make recommendations to this effect.

Scrutiny plays an essential role in promoting accountability, efficiency and effectiveness in the Council's decision making process and the way in which it delivers services.

The main roles of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees:

- Holding the cabinet and officers as decision-makers to account
- Being a 'critical friend', through questioning how decisions have been made to provide a 'check and balance' to decision makers, adding legitimacy to the decision making process
- Undertaking reviews of council services and policy
- Undertaking reviews to develop council services and policies
- Considering any other matter that affects the county
- Ensuring that Ceredigion is performing to the best of its ability and delivering high quality services to its citizens
- Assessing the impact of the Council's policies on local communities and recommending improvement
- Engaging with the public to develop citizen centred policies and services

Effective Overview and Scrutiny can lead to:

- Better decision making
- Improved Service Delivery and Performance
- Robust Policy Development arising from public consultation and input of independent expertise
- Enhanced Democracy, Inclusiveness, Community Leadership and Engagement
- Adds a clear dimension of transparency and accountability to the political workings of the Council
- Provides an opportunity for all Members to develop specialist skills and knowledge that can benefit future policy making and performance monitoring processes
- Creates a culture of evidence based self-challenge

CURRENT SITUATION:

Questions to consider when choosing topics

- Is there a clear objective for examining this topic?
- Are you likely to achieve a desired outcome?
- What are the likely benefits to the Council and the citizens of Ceredigion?
- Is the issue significant?
- Are there links to the Corporate Strategy
- Is it a key issue to the public?
- Have the issues been raised by external audit?
- Is it a poor performing service?

Choosing topics

Overview and Scrutiny Committees should consider information from the Corporate Strategy, Improvement Plan, Strategic Plan, Service Plans, the Corporate Risk Register, budget savings – proposals and impact, Quarterly Corporate Performance Management panel meetings and departmental input in choosing topics and designing their Forward Work Programmes, as well as any continuing work.

RECOMMENDATION (S):

To review and update the current Forward Work Programme.

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Date of Report:	22/11/2023
Acronyms:	FWP – Forward Work Programme

Overview and Scrutiny Draft Forward Work Programme 2023/24

Committee	Item (description/title)	Invited Speakers	Purpose i.e. monitoring, policy, recommendation
Learning Communities			
8 June 2023	<p>Mid Wales Education Partnership Business Plan</p> <p>ALN transfer document</p> <p>Ceredigion Youth Council Minutes</p> <p>Estyn inspections</p>	<p>MWEP Strategic Lead and the School Support Adviser</p>	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>Monitoring</p> <p>Monitoring</p>
6 July 2023	<p>Child Sufficiency Assessment</p> <p>E-sgol</p>	<p>Carys Davies</p> <p>Gwion Dafydd</p>	<p>Monitoring</p> <p>Monitoring</p>
28 September 2023	<p>Post 16 education review</p> <p>GCSE / A level results</p>		<p>Recommendation</p> <p>Monitoring</p>

30 November 2023	6 month update on child care availability Curriculum GCSE/ A-level final Ceredigion Youth Council Minutes	Carys Davies Gareth Lanagan Gwion Dafydd Lowri Evans	
8 February 2024 1.30pm	Budget		
9 May 2024	Sgiliau Bywyd, Sgiliau Gwaith & Multiplu	Mark Gleeson	
Future meetings	Play Sufficiency Assessment Mid Wales Education Partnership		
Workstreams	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure that local and national priorities are delivered effectively 2. Ensure equity for all pupils 3. Ensure an effective and efficient infrastructure to meet our priorities 		