

**Minutes of a Meeting of the  
LEARNING COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY** held remotely by video-  
conference on Thursday, 11 March 2021

**PRESENT:** Councillor Endaf Edwards (Chairman), Councillors Bryan Davies Marc Davies, Meirion Davies, Rhodri Davies, Lloyd Edwards, Keith Evans, Paul Hinge, Hag Harris, Gwyn James, Alun Lloyd Jones, Mark Strong, Lynford Thomas, Wyn Thomas and Ivor Williams

**Also in attendance:** Councillors Ellen ap Gwynn, Gareth Lloyd, Catrin Miles and Ray Quant (Cabinet Members)

**Officers in attendance:-** Mrs Meinir Ebbsworth, Corporate Lead Officer – Schools, Mrs Lisa Evans, Scrutiny and Standards Officer, Mrs Dana Jones, Democratic Services and Standards Officer and Mrs Dwynwen Jones, Scrutiny Officer

(10.30am-11:45am)

**1 Apologies**

Councillor Euros Davies and Mark Strong apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

**2 Disclosures of Personal/Prejudicial Interests**

None.

**3 School Improvement through Regional Working : a review of ERW impact on school improvement and value for money**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Corporate Lead Officer – Schools upon the School Improvement through Regional Working : a review of ERW impact on school improvement and value for money. The report had been presented in order to inform the committee upon the conclusion of the Council's position on the ERW Consortium, the need to comply with the ERW Legal Agreement, and the notice of withdrawal issued by the Leader on 17.3.2020 in order to complete the withdrawal process from the ERW Consortium.

The Corporate Lead Officer – Schools provided Members with the following information that had led to the agreement to withdraw from the ERW Consortium:-

- Background
- Current Situation
- Erw Support
- Value of Money
- Risks of Withdrawal

Following questions from the floor, it was AGREED to note the report for information that would be presented to Cabinet the following Tuesday for a decision based on the following recommendation as follows:-

That Cabinet notes:

- (i) that the notice of withdrawal issued by the Leader on 17.3.20 stands as served,
- (ii) agrees that the Council will withdraw from the ERW Consortium on 31st March 2021; and
- (iii) If no ii) above was agreed, that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive and the Chief Education Officer/CLO-Schools and Culture in consultation with the Leader of Council and the Cabinet Member, to take all necessary actions and, to enter into all necessary agreements, to complete the withdrawal from ERW process

All Members thanked the Officers for their work during this difficult time.

**6 Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the Committee held on the 17 December 2020 and 18 February 2021**

It was AGREED to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 17 December 2020 and 18 February 2021

**Matters arising -.**

None.

Members thanked the Councillor Endaf Edwards for his work as Chair of the Committee; as the next meeting would be chaired by a new Chairman

**Confirmed at the Meeting of the Committee held on**

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

**Date:-**\_\_\_\_\_

