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REPORT TO: Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

DATE: 15 December 2021

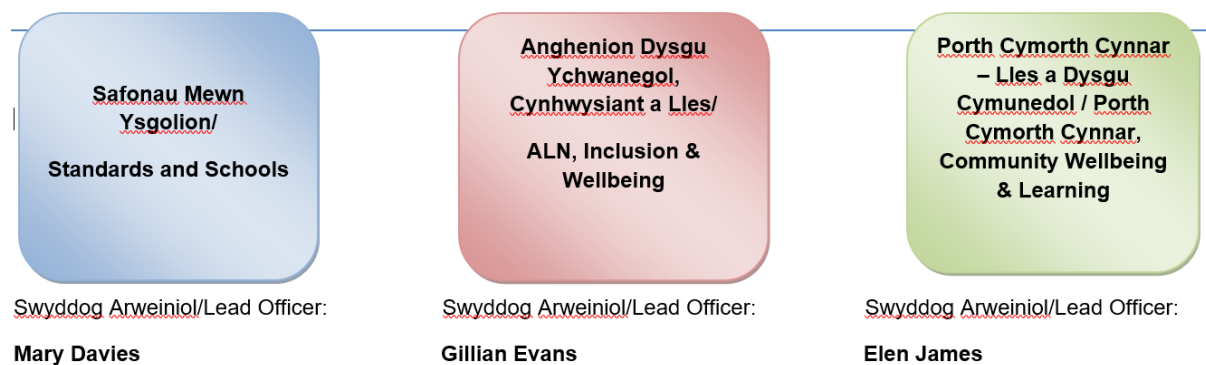
LOCATION: Virtual meeting

TITLE: Feedback on the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee workstream

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To provide feedback on the meeting that took place on 3 December 2021

The Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee established four workstreams for raising awareness, training purposes and for identifying aspects which require further scrutiny at its meeting on 11 October 2012 as part of the forward work programme planning process. During 2014 the workstreams were reviewed and updated. The workstreams comprised of four members from the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Chairman would attend and contribute to all four. It was agreed at the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee that took place on the 9 November 2017 that the Modernising the Infrastructure workstream items would be considered by the main committee and that Members of that workstream would be divided into the other workstreams for 2018.

Figure 1 outlines the current workstream structure:



Additional Learning Needs (ALN), Inclusion & Wellbeing Workstream

3 December 2021

The group received an update on transforming to the new Additional Learning Needs system. The old and new system will both operate for the next 3 years. The service have been preparing for transformation since 2017. There has been an intense

programme of preparation and training. The final version of the ALN code was published in spring 2021 and since September 2021 the transformation programme has been live, being gradually introduced for different cohorts of ALN learners. The group acknowledged that it is everyone's responsibility, the schools (staff, governors and parents) and the Council as a whole. Welsh Government only published details of the implementation guidelines from the end of November 2021.

The progress the Local Authority has made in its preparations for implementing the ALN Act was shared with the group including embedding person centred practice, developing resources, raising awareness with parents, training, development of software frameworks, and increased capacity. A powerpoint presentation is being prepared to share with school governors in the new year. The Act requires local authorities to keep "ALN provision under review". The arrangements in place to meet this requirement were discussed by the group. The guidance provided by Local Authorities on individual development plans were discussed, including early years settings, schools, further education colleges and parents. The presentation also covered quality assurance and how good practice would be shared. The final part of the presentation covered the approaches to working with post-16 providers.