

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

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Date of Report: 06/11/2023

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