

CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 9/5/24

Title: Partnership Agreement between LA and Schools 2024-27

Purpose of the report: For information

Reason Scrutiny have requested the information:

To consider the content of the Partnership Agreement between the LA and schools for 2024-27, for further consideration by Cabinet.

Background

Section 197 of the Education Act 2002 is a Wales only provision that empowers the Welsh Government (“WG”) to require that local authorities form a partnership agreement with the governing body of all schools that are maintained by the authority. The purpose of a Partnership Agreement is to enhance and sustain partnership working between the LA and schools.

Current Situation

The Partnership Agreement specifies the arrangements for the review of the agreement and must be reviewed every 3 years.

The proposed Partnership Agreement between the LA and schools is for September 2024 until August 2027. The Partnership Agreement is included in Appendix A.

The main changes in the document can be summarised as follows:

- Change in terminology e.g. Foundation Learning/ Additional Learning Needs
- Changes to analysis of pupil progress in light of the Curriculum for Wales
- Transition plan adapted in light of the 3-16 focus of the Curriculum for Wales
- Additional information regarding Health and Safety and insurance matters
- Governing bodies duties have been updated to reflect WG guide to the law
- Data protection regulations have been updated to refer to UK regulation rather than previous European regulations.

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

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

Summary of Integrated Impact Assessment:

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

Recommendation(s):

To recommend the Partnership between the LA and Schools 2024-27 for Cabinet approval

Reasons for decision:

In order to gain the approval of the Governing Body for each school from 1 September 2024 onwards.

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Acronyms:

N/A