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County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : LEARNING AND LAESCYP MEETING

MONDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2018

PRESENT: Councillors H R Jones (Chair)
C Davies (Vice-Chair)

Councillors D Chaplin, L Davies, S Jago and S Thomas

Cooptees:

R Lazell (Parent Governor-Secondary/Special), M Symonds (MT Assoc. of School Governors), A Rees (Public) and A Roberts (Voluntary Sector)

Officers:

S Walker (Chief Education Officer), A Lewis (Head of School Planning Performance and Resource), J Colsey (Head of School Improvement) and A McCafferty (Performance and Scrutiny Officer)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
249	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Claire Brown, Ryan Crowley and Kath Phelan Co-opted Members.
250	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	Rosa Lazelle Declared her Interest in the items on the agenda as she is Chair of Governors Afon Taf High School. Michelle Symonds Declared her Interest in the items on the agenda as she is Chair of Governors Ysgol Rhyd Y Grug. Councillor C Davies Declared his Interest in Item Six –

		Update on Welsh Education Strategic Plan as he is the Welsh Language Champion for the Authority and is part of the Welsh Education Strategic Plan (WESP) Group.
251	Performance Report - Corporate Plan: Standards of Attainment 2018	<p>The Chair welcomed Sue Walker, Joe Colsey and Anthony Lewis to the Meeting.</p> <p>Joe Colsey then led the Committee in detail through the 'Performance Report – Corporate Plan: Standards of Attainment 2018' report.</p> <p>The following questions were then raised by the Committee and were responded to in detail by the Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS2 Performance Outcomes – What have the LEA and the Consortium done to support this • Are details available of where a child is underperforming – Is this information available in all schools – Is this information available for each individual child • Outcome 6 – Has there been a change • The number of Interventions introduced • Paragraph 7.1 – Explanation of 'resilience' requested <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The judgements and evaluations be noted.</p>
252	School Budgets	<p>Anthony Lewis led the Committee in detail through the 'School Budgets' report.</p> <p>The following questions were then raised by the Committee and were responded to in detail by the Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 7.5 – What are the present savings requirements • Paragraph 5.13 –The impact on learning and young people • Is there a breakdown of expenditure per annum for schools – Is there a percentage breakdown of expenditure on utility bills – Is there liaison with the Energy Officer <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The contents of the report be noted.</p>
253	Overview of School Building Stock	<p>Anthony Lewis led the Committee in detail through the 'Overview of School Building Stock' report.</p> <p>The following questions were then raised by the Committee and were responded to in detail by the Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will there be a full list from the Property Department and can this be shared with the Committee • Are there any in Band C at risk of going into Band D

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band B – Start and end date • How much money will be received from Welsh Government <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The contents of the report be noted.</p> <p>Alan Rees left the Meeting at 5.15 pm.</p> <p>Anne Roberts left the Meeting at 5.20 pm.</p>
254	Update on Welsh Education Strategic Plan	<p>Councillor C Davies Declared his Interest in the Welsh Education Strategic Plan (WESP) as Welsh Language Champion for the Authority he is part of the Group.</p> <p>Sue Walker led the Committee in detail through the ‘Update on Welsh Education Strategic Plan’ report.</p> <p>The following question was then raised by the Committee and was responded to by the Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term impact on Secondary School setting <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report be noted.</p>
255	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow up Actions	<p>A Member referred to arranging a Joint Scrutiny Committee with the Social Services Scrutiny Committee in relation to Looked after Children.</p>
256	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	<p>The Chair and the Committee reflected in detail on the items that had been considered at the Meeting.</p>
257	Work Programme	<p>The Chair referred to the Committee Work Programme and the Committee agreed the Programme.</p>
258	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	<p>The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.</p>