



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL

MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : SCHOOLS MEETING

MONDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 2014

PRESENT: Councillor L Mytton (**In the Chair**)

Councillors S Williams, M Davies, G Lewis, K Moran and C Tovey

Councillor B Toomey – Leader of the Council

Councillor L Matthews – Transformational Change Manager

Cooptees:

Teresa Bradley, Maureen Harris and David Lewis

Officers:

Gareth Chapman (Chief Executive), Lorraine Buck (Chief Education Officer), Gary Thomas (Transformation Manager), Richard Parry (Consultant for School Improvement), Paul Phillpott (Business Change Manager) and Andrew Mogford (Strategic Business Analyst)

Outside Bodies:

Karl Napieralla – Recovery Board

Hannah Woodhouse – Central South Consortium

Howard Jones (Scrutiny Manager) and Mair Morgan (Scrutiny / Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
468	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Davies and Mr A Rees Co-opted Member.

469	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No Declarations of Interest were made.
470	Defining Success for 2017	<p>The Chair welcomed Gareth Chapman Chief Executive and Councillor B Toomey Leader of the Council to the Meeting.</p> <p>The Chief Executive referred the Committee to the Discussion Paper on Defining Success for 2017 and gave details in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Shared Vision • <i>The Challenge</i> • What does success look like for the Council after three years • What are the challenges for the Council over the next three years • Where are we now • <i>Top Performing</i> • Ambition, Prioritise, Accountability, Ownership, Expectations • <i>Sustainability</i> • Whole Organisation, Transformation, Challenges, Invest in Staff • <i>Reputation</i> • Leadership, Brand, Communication • What are we going to look like • In three years time what the Council will have <p>Gareth Chapman then referred the Committee to the Discussion Document questionnaire in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Challenge • The Focus of Success • Performance • Sustainability • Reputation <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee on the Discussion Paper and were answered in detail by the Chief Executive and the Leader.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked the Leader and the Chief Executive for the Presentation to the Committee.</p> <p>CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM</p> <p>The Chair then invited Hannah Woodhouse Managing Director Central South Consortium to address the Meeting.</p> <p>Hannah Woodhouse outlined the regional working across Wales, the role of the Consortia and the role of the Local Authority and the results across the region.</p> <p>Ms Woodhouse also advised that she would be happy to attend a future Meeting to give a more detailed presentation.</p>

		<p>The Chair then thanked Ms Woodhouse for attending the Meeting.</p>
471	Transformational Change Programme	<p>The Chair welcomed Councillor L Matthews Cabinet Member for Transformational Change, Gary Thomas, Paul Phillpott and Andrew Mogford to the Meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Matthews advised the Committee of the process that was being undertaken by the Transformational Change Programme.</p> <p>Gary Thomas then referred to the Transformation Programme Background and the projects that were being managed at the moment.</p> <p>He also gave details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Transformation Programme Board</i> • Role of the Board • Board Members • Frequency of Meetings • Reporting • Actions and Monitoring • <i>Transformation Steering Group</i> • Aim of the Steering Group • Steering Group Members • Frequency of Meetings • Reporting • Actions and Monitoring <p>Andrew Mogford then referred to the Transformation Programme and gave details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress to date • <i>Overall Summary</i> • Number of Projects by Status • Target Savings by Status • Overall Summary • Schools Summary • <i>Programme Summary</i> • Common Risks / Issues • Overspends and Slippage • Next Steps <p>Paul Phillpott then gave details to the Committee in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Corporate Spine and the impact on Services <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee on the Transformation Programme and were answered in detail by the Leader, Councillor Matthews, Gary Thomas, Andrew Mogford and Paul Phillpott.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked Councillor Toomey and Councillor Matthews together with the Officers for the Presentation and update to the Committee.</p>

472	Schools Budget Update	<p>The Chair welcomed Lorraine Buck to the Meeting.</p> <p>Lorraine Buck then referred to the Schools Department Budget Update report and led the Committee through the report and responded in detail to the questions raised by the Committee.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked Lorraine Buck for the update to the Committee.</p>
473	Task & Finish Group Update - Learning for Life	<p>The Chair welcomed Councillor W R Smith to the Meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Smith referred the Committee to the draft Task and Finish Group report on Learning for Life – Basic Skills and referred to the link with Education and Social Services and advised that the Task and Finish report would also be considered at the Social Services and Social Regeneration Scrutiny Committee to be held the following day.</p> <p>He also suggested that a joint Meeting be held with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Schools and Social Services Scrutiny Committees together with the appropriate Officers in six months.</p> <p>The Committee then agreed that the joint Meeting be convened at the appropriate time and that once the report had been considered by the Social Services and Social Regeneration Scrutiny Committee that the report be submitted to Cabinet.</p>
474	Scrutiny and Audit Chairs Liaison Group Update	<p>The Chair updated the Committee in relation to the Liaison Group Meeting.</p>
475	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	<p>The Chair, Committee and Karl Napieralla of the Recovery Board reflected on the issues that had been raised at the Meeting.</p>
476	Forward Work Programme	<p>The Committee considered and agreed the Forward Work Programme.</p>
477	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	<p>The Chair advised that there were no items deemed urgent.</p>