



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
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MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : SCHOOLS MEETING

MONDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 2014

PRESENT: Councillor L Mytton (In the Chair)

Councillors M Davies, K Moran and C Tovey

Cooptees:

Alan Rees

Officers:

Steve Jones (Chief Finance Officer), Lorraine Buck (Chief Education Officer) and Dorothy Haines (Head of School Improvement)

Outside Bodies:

Karl Napieralla – Recovery Board

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

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
734	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Williams, Councillor D Davies, Councillor G Lewis, Mrs M Harris and Mrs T Bradley Co-opted Members.
735	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No Declarations of Interest were made.
736	Budget Monitoring 2014/15 - Mid Year Position	The Chair welcomed Steve Jones Chief Finance Officer to the Meeting.

		<p>Steve Jones led the Committee through the Budget Monitoring 2014/15 – Mid Year Position report and responded in detail to the questions raised.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Revenue and Capital budget outturn projections for 2014/15 be noted.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked Steve Jones for attending and the update to the Committee.</p>
737	Progress update against Post Inspection Action Plan	<p>The Chair welcomed Lorraine Buck and Dorothy Haines to the Meeting.</p> <p>Lorraine Buck referred to the Progress update against the Post Inspection Action Plan report and led the Committee in detail through Recommendation 1 to Recommendation 8 and gave an update on the current position.</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Councillor L Mytton vacated the Chair at 4.30 pm and left the Meeting.</p> <p>Councillor K Moran took the Chair.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee and were answered in detail by Lorraine Buck and Dorothy Haines.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>Scrutiny continues to be updated on progress against the PIAP.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked Lorraine Buck and Dorothy Haines for the update to the Committee.</p>
738	Categorisation of Schools 2014	<p>Dorothy Haines led the Committee through the Categorisation Report in detail for their information.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee and were answered in detail by Dorothy Haines and Lorraine Buck.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The next steps as contained within the report be accepted (b) The Schools' Department update Scrutiny regularly on progress of schools with amber and red levels of support.
739	Corporate Performance Report (Q1 & Q2) Plan Report	<p>The Chair referred the Committee to the Corporate Plan Performance Report, Mid-year Update Report.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>Questions raised by the Committee Members on the report</p>

		be submitted to the Scrutiny Manager for him to take forward.
740	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	The Chair and the Committee reflected on the issues that had been raised at the Meeting.
741	Frequency of Schools Scrutiny meetings.	Resolved that: This item be deferred.
742	Forward Work Programme	The Committee considered and agreed the Forward Work Programme.
743	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there were no items deemed urgent.