



MERTHYR TYDFIL  
County Borough Council  
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## MINUTES OF MEETING

# SCRUTINY : SCHOOLS MEETING

**MONDAY, 20TH APRIL, 2015**

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

Councillors D Davies, M Davies, G Lewis, K Moran and C Tovey

Councillor L Matthews (Transformational Change Cabinet Member)

Councillor Richard Thomas (Chair Schools Forum)

**Officers:**

Lorraine Buck (Corporate Director (People and Performance) - Lead Director for Children and Young People), Dorothy Haines (Chief Officer (Learning) - Chief Education Officer), Anthony Lewis (Head of School Planning and Improvement), Gary Thomas (Transformation Change Manager), Andrew Mogford (Strategic Business Analyst) and Richard Parry (Consultant for School Improvement)

**Outside Bodies:**

Karl Napieralla (Recovery Board)

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

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
1274	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Williams, Mrs M Harris, Mr D Lewis and Mr A Rees Co-opted Members.

1275	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No Declarations of Interest were made.
1276	Transformational Change Programme - An update	<p>The Chair welcomed Councillor L Matthews Cabinet Member for Transformational Change, Gary Thomas and Andrew Mogford to the Meeting.</p> <p>Councillor L Matthews referred to the Transformation Programme and gave details to the Committee in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Background</li> <li>• Next Steps</li> <li>• Continuing to Monitor Projects and to hold Managers to Account</li> <li>• New Projects – Development and Delivery</li> <li>• Welsh Government – Post Review Action Plan</li> <li>• Corporate Organisational Change</li> <li>• Analysis of Services</li> <li>• Operating Model Assessment being undertaken with PWC</li> <li>• Overall Summary 2014/15 and 2015 /16</li> <li>• Schools Summary 2014/15 and 2015 /16</li> </ul> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee on the Presentation and were responded to by Councillor Matthews and the Officers.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked Councillor Matthews and the Officers for the update to the Committee.</p>
1277	Pupil Led Funding Review Update	<p>The Chair welcomed Councillor Richard Thomas Chair Schools Forum, Lorraine Buck, Dorothy Haines and Anthony Lewis to the Meeting.</p> <p>Anthony Lewis referred to the Pupil Led Funding Review Update review report and led the Committee through the report for their information.</p> <p>Councillor Richard Thomas then referred to the discussion that had taken place in the Forum in relation to this matter.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee and were responded to by Councillor Thomas and the Officers.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked Councillor Thomas and Anthony Lewis for the update to the Committee.</p>
1278	Service Level Agreements (SLAs) for Local Authority Services to Schools	<p>Anthony Lewis referred to the Service Level Agreements for Local Authority Services to Schools report and led the Committee in detail through the report.</p> <p>He also referred the Committee to the recommendations and gave an update to the Committee of the current position.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee on the report</p>

		<p>and were answered in detail by Lorraine Buck, Dorothy Haines and Anthony Lewis.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked the Officers for the update to the Committee.</p>
1279	Estyn Local Authority Link Inspector (LALI) Visit	<p>Lorraine Buck referred to the Estyn Local Authority Link Inspector Visit report and led the Committee in detail through the report.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee and were answered in detail by Lorraine Buck.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked Lorraine Buck for the update to the Committee.</p>
1280	PIAP March 2015 - Recommendations 2 and 3	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>This item be withdrawn.</p>
1281	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow up Actions	<p>The Chair updated the Committee in relation to the Scrutiny and Audit Chair's Group Meeting and gave details of cross cutting issues that had been raised.</p>
1282	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	<p>The Chair, Committee and Karl Napieralla reflected on the issues that had been considered at the Meeting.</p>
1283	Forward Work Programme	<p>The Chair advised that the Task and Finish Meeting on the Forward Work Programme was scheduled for 29 April 2015 at 10.30 am and all Committee Members were invited to attend. However, if Members were unable to attend suggestion for the Programme were welcome.</p> <p>The Committee then considered and agreed the agenda for the Committee Meeting scheduled for 18 May 2015.</p>
1284	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	<p>The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.</p>