



MERTHYR TYDFIL  
County Borough Council  
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## MINUTES OF MEETING

# SCRUTINY : SCHOOLS MEETING

MONDAY, 18TH MAY, 2015

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

Councillors S Williams, D Davies, K Moran and C Tovey

**Cooptees:**

Teresa Bradley and Alan Rees

**Officers:**

Lorraine Buck (Corporate Director (People and Performance) - Lead Director for Children and Young People), Dorothy Haines (Chief Officer (Learning) - Chief Education Officer) 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
1359	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Davies and Councillor G Lewis.
1360	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No Declarations of Interest were made.
1361	LAESCYP Evaluation      Self Key	The Chair welcomed Lorraine Buck and Dorothy Haines to the Meeting.

	Question 2 & 3	<p>Dorothy Haines referred to the LAESCYP Self Evaluation report and led the Committee in detail through the Judgements.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central South Consortium –</li> <li>• Support / Meeting Frequency / Scrutiny</li> <li>• Estyn Monitoring</li> <li>• EAL</li> <li>• Surplus Places</li> <li>• Capital Build Programme</li> <li>• National and Local Authority Austerity Measures</li> <li>• ALN</li> <li>• Leadership</li> <li>• Strengths</li> <li>• Basic Skills</li> <li>• Duplication</li> <li>• Value for Money Assessments</li> <li>• Spend per pupil</li> <li>• Information for Governors</li> <li>• Local Authority Comparison – Key Indicators</li> </ul> <p>Dorothy Haines and Lorraine Buck then responded in detail to the questions that had been raised by the Committee.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked the Officers for the update to the Committee.</p>
1362	Preparation of Scrutiny Work Programme 2015/16	<p>The Chair updated the Committee in relation to the Task and Finish Group Meeting that had been held.</p> <p>The Chair also referred to Appendix Three of the report and advised that a Meeting would be held with the Director to discuss items for the Work Programme.</p> <p>The Committee then discussed and agreed the items for the next Committee Meeting.</p>
1363	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow up Actions	<p>The Chair advised that there was no update in relation to this item.</p>
1364	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	<p>The Chair, Committee and Karl Napieralla reflected in detail on the issues that had been considered at the Meeting.</p>
1365	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	<p>The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.</p>