



SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT

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To: Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME FOR LAESCYP SCRUTINY

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report considers the implications of the new Local Government Education Services inspection (LGES) guidance and framework and the proposed changes to reports being presented at this Committee to inform members of the work of the Learning department.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 Members note the contents of the report and consider whether there are other reports they wish to consider in future meetings.

2.2 Members note the content of the report and consider if there are other activities they wish to undertake within the Learning department.

3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

3.1 From September 2017, new guidance has been produced by the inspectorate for Education and Training (Estyn) to support the inspection of Local Government Education Services. (see Background Papers link and Appendix 1 for outline).

3.2 During 2017/18, two local authorities in Wales will pilot this framework, the first is Neath Port Talbot in December 2017.

3.3 From September 2018, one local authority per consortia will be inspected per academic year over the next four years.

4.0 WHERE WE WERE

4.1 Reports for this committee have developed to support members in their ability to scrutinise effectively the work of the Learning department.

5.0 WHERE WE ARE NOW

5.1 The current work programme for the Learning and LAESCYP Scrutiny Committee is based on the old inspection framework. This supports members in their understanding of the framework and allows them to scrutinise the work of the Learning department in line with these expectations.

6.0 WHERE WE WANT TO BE

6.1 The Committee continues to have a good understanding of the role of the Learning department and scrutinise its activities to ensure the learners of the borough are having high class educational experiences.

6.2 The reports that are brought to the Committee will ensure that members continue to have a wide understanding of how partners support the work of the Learning department.

6.3 Members of the Committee will receive information on the good practise within the borough as well as challenge officers on improvements.

7.0 WHAT WE NEED TO DO NEXT


7.1 Re-draft the current forward work programme so that the reports being brought forward for scrutiny reflect the new LGES guidance (see Appendix 2 for suggestion).

8.0 CONTRIBUTION TO WELLBEING OBJECTIVES

8.1 The Committee will continue to scrutinise the wellbeing projects that sit within the Best Start to Life – these impact on the work of the Learning department and provide evidence of the impact of school improvement activities.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
Guidance for the inspection of local government education services	September 2017	 Guidance handbook for the inspection of l
Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?		

Inspection Areas

The Local Government Education Services Inspection Framework

1. Outcomes

- 1.1 Standards and progress overall
- 1.2 Standards and progress of specific groups
- 1.3 Wellbeing and attitudes to learning

2. Quality of Education Services

- 2.1 Support for school improvement
- 2.2 Support for vulnerable learners
- 2.3 Other education support services

3. Leadership and management

- 3.1 Quality and effectiveness of leaders and managers
- 3.2 Self-evaluation and improvement planning
- 3.3 Professional learning
- 3.4 Use of resources

Judgements

Excellent – Very strong, sustained performance and practice

Good – Strong features, although minor aspects may require improvement

Adequate and needs improvement – Strengths outweigh weaknesses, but important aspects require improvement

Unsatisfactory and needs urgent improvement – Important weaknesses outweigh strengths

Proposed Reports

Committee date: 15th January 2018

1. Update on Best Start 2
2. Inspection Areas :
 - 1.3 – Wellbeing & Attitudes to Learning
 - 2.1 – Support for Vulnerable Learners
3. Other reports
 - Attendance & Exclusions
 - KS4 Standards

Committee date: 19th February 2018

1. Update on Best Start 1
2. Inspection Areas:
 - 2.3 - Other Education Services
 - 3.4 – Use of Resources
3. Other reports
 - Categorisation of Schools
 - Flying Start
 - Mike Glavin from Central South Consortium to attend – topic tbc

Committee date: 16th April 2018

1. Update on Best Start 2
2. Inspection Areas:
 - Overview of all
3. Other reports
 - School presentation
 - Governance