

Learning and LAESCYP Scrutiny Committee Work Programme Descriptors 2018/19

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Date / Timing	Overarching Item	Linked to MTCBC's Wellbeing Objectives (Corporate Objectives)?	Officer & Cabinet Member	(Other) Scrutiny Focus
4 th June 2018	Changes in the ESTYN Inspection Reporting Framework for schools	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker / Joe Colsey	Scrutiny and Challenge: - to receive details of Changes in the ESTYN Self Evaluation Reporting (SER) Framework.
	FIRST DRAFT Scrutiny Report - Review of Attendance & Attainment in Primary & Secondary Schools	BS Best Start to Life	Task & Finish Group. Cllr H Jones, Cllr C Davies, and Cllr S Jago	Scrutiny and Challenge: - The Task and Finish Group has prepared its report for consideration by the full Committee. Once agreed it will be progressed to Cabinet for consideration
	Draft Annual Work Programme 2018/19	n/a	Task & Finish Group. Cllr H Jones, Cllr C Davies, and Mrs R Lazell	Scrutiny and Challenge: - To consider the draft Annual Work programme for 2018/19 as prepared by the Task and Finish group of Cllr H Jones, Cllr C. Davies, and Mrs R Lazell.
	Heolgerrig Community School and Trelewis Primary School.	BS Best Start to Life	Head teachers of Heolgerrig Community School and Trelewis Primary School.	Scrutiny and Challenge:- The Head teachers of these schools will be attending the meeting to share good practice in their respective schools.
16 th July 2018	Public Services Board and its role in Education	BS Best Start to Life	Lesley Lawson RCT Partnerships team / Sue Walker	Scrutiny and Challenge: - Focus on Wellbeing and how this has an impact /have an effect on Schools. How this delivers educational outcomes.
	Learning Resource Bases (LRB's) and Educated Other Than At School (EOTAS) Update	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker	Scrutiny and Challenge:- To further discuss and consider any changes to the provision and re-alignment of Learning Resources Bases in the County Borough; and of EOTAS provision.

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3 rd September 2018	Data Report – Foundation Phase, KS1, KS2 and KS3 (to also include a verbal update on KS4 results, which are only being made available on 23rd August)	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker	Scrutiny and Challenge:- to receive a report on the attainment in Foundation Phase, Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 in 2018.
	School budgets and Overview of Building Stock (school buildings and estates) and future plans	BS Best Start to Life	Anthony Lewis / Sue Walker	Scrutiny and Challenge:- A report providing details of School budgets and an overview of building Stock (school buildings and estates) and future plans.
	Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) – Future Plans	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker	Scrutiny & Challenge:- Local authorities are under a duty to prepare a plan explaining how it will improve the planning of Welsh-medium education, and improve standards, together with its targets for improvement and progress reports. To debate and challenge.
15 th October 2018	Value for money report on education services	BS Best Start to Life	Steve Jones/Anthony Lewis	Scrutiny & Challenge:- A focus on value for money in Education Services. The Chief Finance Officer to attend the meeting together with the Head of School Planning & Improvement
	Central South Consortium	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker / Mike Glavin (Managing Director of Central South Consortium)	To meet with Mike Glavin (Managing Director of Central South Consortium). The Focus is yet to be decided by the Committee.
	ESTYN Self Evaluation Reporting (SER) Framework (Inspection Area 1)	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker	Scrutiny and Challenge:- The Scrutiny Committee will receive a report from the Chief Education Officer on a specific Local Government Education Services Inspection Framework element.

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26 th November 2018	Update on Nursery Sufficiency and 30 Hour Childcare	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker	Scrutiny and Challenge:- Local authorities are required to undertake Childcare Sufficiency Assessments (CSAs) under Section 26 of the 2006 Childcare Act on the understanding that local authorities are best placed to understand and respond to local needs. To receive progress report on Nursery Sufficiency and 30 Hour Childcare.
	NEETS Strategy 2018 - 2021	BS Best Start to Life	Chris Hole / Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker	Scrutiny and Challenge: - To Inform the Scrutiny Committee of the Not in Education, Employment or Training Strategy (2018-21) and the progress that has been made against this agenda in line with the previous strategy. The NEETS Strategy identifies some critical areas to be progressed if the authority is to continue its progress.
	ESTYN Self Evaluation Reporting (SER) Framework (Inspection Area 2)	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker	Scrutiny and Challenge:- The Scrutiny Committee will receive a report from the Chief Education Officer on a specific Local Government Education Services Inspection Framework element.
14 th January 2019	Report on the final verified KS4 data and results.	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker	Scrutiny and Challenge:- to update Scrutiny on the performance of schools at key stage 4 (KS4) in public external examinations 2017/18
	Categorisation of schools	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker	Scrutiny and Challenge:- In January 2015, the Welsh Government introduced a new categorisation system that considered each school's standards alongside the school's capacity to improve so as to understand the level of support the school needed. To receive a report detailing the latest categorisation of schools and improvement progress.
	Report on Exclusions and Attendance	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker	Scrutiny and Challenge:- The Scrutiny Committee will receive a report from the Chief Education Officer on local and national statistics / figures on

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				Attendance and Exclusions.
	ESTYN Self Evaluation Reporting (SER) Framework (Inspection Area 3)	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker	Scrutiny and Challenge:- The Scrutiny Committee will receive a report from the Chief Education Officer on a specific Local Government Education Services Inspection Framework element.
4 th March 2019	Central South Consortium	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker	Scrutiny and Challenge: - Theme to be agreed. KS4 results will have been finalised by now.
	Self-Improving Schools	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker / Joe Colsey / Schools	Scrutiny and Challenge: - The Scrutiny Committee will receive a report from the Chief Education Officer and schools on how schools support and challenge each other to improve
8 th April 2019	Update on Additional Learning Needs Services (ALN) to incorporate PIU's, LRB's.	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker	Scrutiny and Challenge:- This meeting will have an (Additional Learning Needs) ALN focus.
	Greenfield School Outreach service update	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker / Greenfield School	Scrutiny and Challenge:- During the visit to the school in December 2017, the school raised a number of points which the scrutiny committee took forward on the schools behalf and these were responded to by the Chief Education Officer. The Chair and Vice Chair have agreed that the school will be invited to attend a meeting once the new work programme is prepared after the AGM in May 2018. Areas of concern were - Continuity of Funding. Current number of INSET days per year is insufficient. Eligibility / criteria for admission to Greenfield. Future accommodation needs of Greenfield to be considered as well. To also receive details of the Outreach Service.

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Additional items to consider for Work	
Date to be confirmed	To invite / visit Heads and Chairs of Governance at the following schools :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Santes Tudful • Pen-y-dre High School • Ynysowen Community Primary School • Visit Educated Other Than at School (EOTAS) to see what provision is available (before 8th April). • Visit LRB's (Learning Resource Basis) as part of the programme of visits.
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