

Learning and LGES Scrutiny Committee Work Programme Descriptors 2019/20

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Date / Timing	Overarching Item	Linked to MTCBC's Wellbeing Objectives (Corporate Objectives)?	Officer & Cabinet Member	(Other) Scrutiny Focus
20 th May 2019	'Schools as learning organisations'. How the council, schools and CSC are working together to implement this new education practice to implement the new curriculum	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker / Andrew Williams/Emma Wilmot (CSC)	Scrutiny and Challenge: - To consider the implications of the current changes within education and how these impact on schools. To questions how these will impact on performance of pupils at all stages.
	Draft Annual Work Programme 2018/19	BS Best Start to Life		Scrutiny and Challenge: - To consider the draft Annual Work programme for 2019/20
1 st July 2019	Education Department current position statement (as part of the preparation for a peer review visit in July which will be looking at the current SER)	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker / Chris Hole/Sarah Bowen/Anthony Lewis/	Scrutiny and Challenge: - To provide challenge on the evidence used to support judgements made by the Learning Department current position. And to challenge the validity of identified next steps to drive up improvement
	Estyn Case Studies Ynysowen Bishop Hedley	BS Best Start to Life		Scrutiny and Challenge: - The Head teachers and chairs of governors will be attending the meeting to share good practice in their respective schools following recent Estyn visits.

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2 nd September 2019	Performance Report – Foundation Phase, KS2 and KS3 (to also include a verbal update on KS4 results, which are only being made available on 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 2019.
	Impact of Flying Start and Registered Education Providers on outcomes in maintained schools	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Chris Hole	Scrutiny and Challenge:- to receive a report on the work within early years to support the improvement of outcomes for pupils once they transition to primary school.
7 th October 2019	Impact against identified priorities for improvement. (Business Improvement Plans)	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton/Sue Walker/ Anthony Lewis	Scrutiny and Challenge: the learning department has identified priorities for improvement through its self-evaluation process. The Committee will have the opportunity to scrutinise the evidence used to provide judgements on progress of impact.
	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.
25 th November 2019	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.
	Financial Sustainability – report from PenyDre cluster Include information about Salix projects Impact of ISB review Work of Schools Budget Forum Only information regarding an 'Update on Carbon and Energy Management Activities in	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker	Scrutiny and Challenge:- To consider how this process might be rolled out across other schools within the county borough in order to provide financial savings. To consider how pupils have been involved in this process and how the voice of the young person might be improved further within strategic activities. To consider the role of the Schools Budget forum To consider the effectiveness of the Schools Budget forum in identifying areas for efficiencies

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	Schools' was presented at this scrutiny.			
	Additional Learning Needs (ALN) report to include the 'Readiness Tool.' This additional report is a request from the 7 th October 2019 Learning and LGES Scrutiny.	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker / Sarah Bowen	Scrutiny and Challenge: - to receive a report on Additional Learning Needs (ALN) which should also include details on the 'Readiness Tool.'
	Securing Sufficient Nursery Education for the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil. This additional report is a request from Anthony Lewis.	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker / Anthony Lewis	Scrutiny and Challenge: - to receive a report for challenge prior to this being considered by Full Council.
6 th January 2020	Report on the performance at key stage 4 (to include the Capped 9 measure) and attendance	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker/Sarah Bowen/Emma Willmott/ CSC	Scrutiny and Challenge: The scrutiny committee will receive a report from the Chief Education Officer on all aspects of performance and outcomes from across education services, including the latest school categorisations from Central South Consortium
	EOTAS This report was requested by the Members of scrutiny on 7 th October 2019.	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker	Scrutiny and Challenge: - To consider the impact of the recent changes to provision for EOTAS and the impact on attainment for this group of young people. The report presented to Scrutiny should specifically include how many children there are in Merthyr Tydfil receiving education at home and how this process works.
	Impact of Youth Service on Attainment and Wellbeing	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker/ Chris Hole	Scrutiny and Challenge: - the committee will receive a report on the impact of the work within youth services to improve the attainment and wellbeing of young people
	RARS – Raising Aspirations, Raising Standards This additional report is a request from Sue Walker and	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker/ Emma Willmott	Scrutiny and Challenge: The scrutiny committee will receive a report for challenge prior to stakeholder consultation.

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	agreed by the Members at scrutiny on 25 th November .			
24 th February 2020	Attendance Non SLA/SLA Persistent Absenteeism Good Practise Exclusions – SEBD Reduced Timetables	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton/ Sue Walker/ Sarah Bowen	Scrutiny and Challenge: - to receive a detailed analysis of attendance against support provided for specific schools(e.g SLA/nonSLA); to consider the early impact of the learning departments action plan to improve persistent absenteeism
	ESTYN Self Evaluation Reporting (SER) Framework (Inspection Area 1)	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 on a specific Local Government Education Services Inspection Framework element.
	Financial Sustainability – report from PenyDre cluster Include information about Salix projects Impact of ISB review Work of Schools Budget Forum. This was a deferred item from 25th November. Only information regarding an ‘Update on Carbon and Energy Management Activities in Schools’ was presented on 25th Nov. The deferral of the rest of the report was agreed by the Members of Learning and LGES Scrutiny on 25th November 2019.	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker	Scrutiny and Challenge:- To consider how this process might be rolled out across other schools within the county borough in order to provide financial savings. To consider how pupils have been involved in this process and how the voice of the young person might be improved further within strategic activities. To consider the role of the Schools Budget forum To consider the effectiveness of the Schools Budget forum in identifying areas for efficiencies

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	Impact of work of CSC in schools causing concern Value for Money overall for CSC	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton / Sue Walker /	Scrutiny and Challenge: to consider the report from CSC on their work in specific schools across the county borough; to consider whether the borough receives value for money against its contribution to CSC
20 th April 2020				

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Additional items to consider for Work	
Date to be confirmed	<p>To invite / visit Heads and Chairs of Governance at the following schools :-</p> <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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