

Learning and LGES Scrutiny Committee Work Programme Descriptors 2020/21

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Date / Timing	Overarching Item	Linked to MTCBC's Wellbeing Objectives (Corporate Objectives)?	Officer & Cabinet Member	(Other) Scrutiny Focus
21 st September 2020	Draft Annual Work Programme 2020/21	BS Best Start to Life		Scrutiny and Challenge: - To consider the draft Annual Work programme for 2020/21
	Learning Department's Response to Covid-19	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton: Cabinet Portfolio Member / Sue Walker: Chief Officer - Learning	Scrutiny and Challenge: - To consider the impact and response of the Learning Department following the outbreak of Covid-19.
	School's Response to Covid-19	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton: Cabinet Portfolio Member / Sue Walker: Chief Officer – Learning / Head Teacher of Pen-Y-Dre High School / Head Teacher of Troedyrhiw Primary School	Scrutiny and Challenge: - Head Teachers of Pen-Y-Dre High School and Troedyrhiw Primary School to attend to discuss schools response to Covid-19.
19 th October 2020	CSC Delivery Programme: Commitment to Raising Aspirations Raising Standards (RARS)	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton: Cabinet Portfolio Member / Sue Walker: Chief Officer – Learning / Emma Willmott: Senior Challenge Advisor	Scrutiny and Challenge: - To provide challenge to CSC in relation to their commitments towards Raising Aspirations and Raising Standards.
	ESTYN Self Evaluation Reporting (SER) Framework (Inspection Area 2)	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton: Cabinet Portfolio Member / Sue Walker: Chief Officer - Learning	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.

As per the guidance from Audit Wales, scrutiny forward work programmes should: provide a clear rationale for topic selection; be more outcome focussed; ensure that the method of scrutiny is best suited to the topic area and the outcome desired; align scrutiny programmes with the council's performance management, self-evaluation and improvement arrangements.

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30 th November 2020	Report on Healthy Schools Programme – Local Authority Update; and representative(s) from the Health Board to attend to discuss various factors which impact on Schools’ Healthy Work Programmes	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton: Cabinet Portfolio Member / Sue Walker: Chief Officer – Learning / Chris Hole: Head of Community Wellbeing	Scrutiny and Challenge: - To present an update report from the Learning Department in relation to the Healthy Schools Programme and how this aligns with the Tackling Poverty agenda. Representative from the Health Board to attend to discuss various factors which impact on Schools’ Healthy Work Programmes.
11 th January 2021	ESTYN Self Evaluation Reporting (SER) Framework (Inspection Area 3)	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton: Cabinet Portfolio Member / Sue Walker: Chief Officer - Learning	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.
	Learning Asset Management Plan (21st Century Schools)	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton: Cabinet Portfolio Member / Sue Walker: Chief Officer – Learning / Head of School Planning & Improvement	Scrutiny and Challenge: - The Scrutiny Committee will receive an update on the developments of the Asset Management Plan (21 st Century Schools) projects for Learning.
8 th February 2021	Wellbeing: Report on Anti-bullying	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton: Cabinet Portfolio Member / Sue Walker: Chief Officer – Learning / Chris Hole: Head of Community Wellbeing	Scrutiny and Challenge: - The Learning Department will present a report which outlines the work being done to tackle issues around bullying across the County Borough including the growing issues in relation to cyber-bullying. The Head Teachers of ... High School and ... Primary School will also be in attendance to provide further insight in relation to the work being done around anti-bullying.
15 th March 2021	ESTYN Self Evaluation Reporting (SER) Framework (Inspection Area 1)	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton: Cabinet Portfolio Member / Sue Walker: Chief Officer – Learning / Emma Willmott: Senior Challenge Advisor	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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	Capita One System – Update Report	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton: Cabinet Portfolio Member / Sue Walker: Chief Officer – Learning / Emma Strand: Data Officer	Scrutiny and Challenge: The Scrutiny Committee will receive a report on current use of Capita One within the Learning Department and next steps for ongoing development
26 th April 2021	Focus on Additional Learning Needs (ALN) (report to include update on the Readiness Tool)	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton: Cabinet Portfolio Member / Sue Walker: Chief Officer – Learning / Sarah Bowen: Inclusion Manager	Scrutiny and Challenge: - To receive a report on Additional Learning Needs (ALN) that should also include updates on the ‘Readiness Tool’ which was presented to Learning & LGES Scrutiny Committee on the 25 th November 2019.
	Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) Update Report	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton: Cabinet Portfolio Member / Sue Walker: Chief Officer – Learning	Scrutiny and Challenge: - The scrutiny focus for this item is to be confirmed.

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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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