

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		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) and the Corporate Self Evaluation KQ2	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.
30 th November 2020 Meeting cancelled due to Mass Testing	Report on the role of Health and Early Years	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: - Representative(s) from the Health Board to attend to present to members what the Health Board does to support children and young people in particular the role in addressing issues such as low birth-weight, childhood obesity, levels of dental cavities.

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11 th January 2021	Report on the role of Health and Early Years Deferred from November	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: - Representative(s) from the Health Board to attend to present to members what the Health Board does to support children and young people in particular the role in addressing issues such as low birth-weight, childhood obesity, levels of dental cavities.
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 Caedraw Primary School and Gellifaelog Primary School will also be in attendance to provide further insight in relation to the work being done around anti-bullying.
	ESTYN Self Evaluation Reporting (SER) Framework (Inspection Area 3) Deferred from January	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) Moved from January - Deferred to 15th March 2021	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.
15 th March 2021	Performance Measures for Education – This item has replaced: ESTYN Self Evaluation Reporting (SER) Framework (Inspection Area 1) due to unavailability of data	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 which outlines the changes to performance measures across Education settings.

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	Update on Activity – Pandemic (brought forward from 26th April 2021)	BS Best Start to Life	Cllr Lisa Mytton: Cabinet Portfolio Member / Sue Walker: Chief Officer – Learning / Emma Strand: Data Officer	Scrutiny and Challenge: To consider the impact and response of the Learning Department following the outbreak of Covid-19. Update from report which was presented to the Learning & LGES Scrutiny Committee on the 21 st September 2020.
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: - To receive a report on the progress of the PRU since opening including report on children Educated other than at School (EOTAS)

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.
Date to be confirmed	Capita One System – Update Report Deferred from 15th March. Date to be confirmed. Will be added to Forward Work Programme as part of next municipal scrutiny cycle
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