

Learning and LGES Scrutiny Committee Work Programme Descriptors 2021/2022

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Date / Timing	Overarching Item	Linked to MTCBC's Wellbeing Objectives/ Cross Cutting Strategies and Plans	Officer & Cabinet Member	(Other) Scrutiny Focus
7 th June 2021	Draft Annual Work Programme 2020/21	BS Best Start to Life	Councillor Harvey Jones and Scrutiny Committee members	Scrutiny and Challenge: - To consider the draft Annual Work programme for 2021/2022
	Adult Community Learning (ACL)	BS Best Start to Life RARS Strategy	Lisa Mytton – Leader and Portfolio Member; Sue Walker – Chief Officer of Education	Scrutiny and Challenge: - Members to consider the report for pre-decision prior to being presented to Cabinet.
12 th July 2021	Update on Education Data (Following the Workshop on the 8th June 2021)	BS Best Start to Life RARS Strategy Corporate Wellbeing Plan (FOTF) RTI Plan	Lisa Mytton – Leader and Portfolio Member; Sue Walker – Chief Officer of Education	Scrutiny and Challenge: - Members to explore the outcomes of the workshop and to confirm next steps in relation to Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) for Education Services moving forward.
	Early Years and Flying Start Update	BS Best Start to Life RARS Strategy Corporate Wellbeing Plan (FOTF) RTI Plan	Lisa Mytton – Leader and Portfolio Member; Sue Walker – Chief Officer of Education; Chris Hole – Head of Community Wellbeing	Scrutiny and Challenge: To provide members with an update on the work being undertaken by the Local Authority in improving Early Years and Flying Start Services.
13 th September 2021	Asset Management Plan	BS Best Start to Life RARS Strategy Corporate Wellbeing Plan (FOTF) RTI Plan	Lisa Mytton – Leader and Portfolio Member; Sue Walker – Chief Officer of Education; Anthony Lewis – Head of School Planning and 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.
	Report on Youth Services	BS Best Start to Life RARS Strategy Corporate Wellbeing Plan (FOTF) RTI Plan	Lisa Mytton – Leader and Portfolio Member; Sue Walker – Chief Officer of Education; Chris Hole – Head of Community Wellbeing	Scrutiny and Challenge: - TBC

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8 th November 2021	ESTYN Self Evaluation Reporting (SER) Framework (Inspection Area 2) and the Corporate Self Evaluation KQ2	BS Best Start to Life Corporate Wellbeing Plan (FOTF)	Lisa Mytton – Leader and Portfolio Member; Sue Walker – Chief Officer of Education	Scrutiny and Challenge: - The Scrutiny Committee will receive a report from the Chief Education Officer on a Local Government Education Services Inspection Framework, which has been aligned to the corporate self-evaluation framework. The Committee will review the findings report; and review the validity of the judgements made by the Chief Officer to secure assurance that these are robust and appropriately evidenced.
	COVID-19 Recovery & Pupil Wellbeing – Overview of Pupil standards and state of Wellbeing	BS Best Start to Life RARS Strategy Corporate Wellbeing Plan (FOTF) RTI Plan	Lisa Mytton – Leader and Portfolio Member; Sue Walker – Chief Officer of Education HT's to be confirmed	Scrutiny and Challenge: - The scrutiny committee will receive a report on the standards of pupils since returning to school, as well as an update on the wellbeing of pupils. SW to confirm 2 HT's to attend
13 th December 2021	RARS Strategy – Progress Update on Key Commitments	BS Best Start to Life RARS Strategy Corporate Wellbeing Plan (FOTF) RTI Plan	Lisa Mytton – Leader and Portfolio Member; Sue Walker – Chief Officer of Education	Scrutiny and Challenge: - The scrutiny committee will explore and provide challenge on the progress made against the key commitments set out within the RARS Strategy.
	Business Education Training Partnership (BETP) Update	BS Best Start to Life RARS Strategy Corporate Wellbeing Plan (FOTF) RTI Plan	Lisa Mytton – Leader and Portfolio Member; Sue Walker – Chief Officer of Education; Chris Hole – Head of Community Wellbeing Officers from RPP to be considered	Scrutiny and Challenge: - Committee members will examine and offer challenge in relation to the progress of the BETP action plan.
	Update Report from the College of Merthyr Tydfil	BS Best Start to Life RARS Strategy Corporate Wellbeing Plan (FOTF)	Lisa Mytton – Leader and Portfolio Member; Sue Walker – Chief Officer of Education;	Scrutiny and Challenge: - The scrutiny committee will receive a report from the College of Merthyr Tydfil outlining elements of good practice as well as any potential areas of concern, including but not limited

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		RTI Plan	Chris Hole – Head of Community Wellbeing College representatives to be considered	to the issues relating to young people that are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).
24 th January 2022	ESTYN Self Evaluation Reporting (SER) Framework (Inspection Area 3) and the Corporate Self Evaluation KQ3	BS Best Start to Life Corporate Wellbeing Plan (FOTF)	Lisa Mytton – Leader and Portfolio Member; Sue Walker – Chief Officer of Education; Anthony Lewis – Head of School Planning and Improvement	Scrutiny and Challenge: - The Scrutiny Committee will receive a report from the Chief Education Officer on a Local Government Education Services Inspection Framework, which has been aligned to the corporate self-evaluation framework. The Committee will review the findings report; and review the validity of the judgements made by the Chief Officer to secure assurance that these are robust and appropriately evidenced.
	Trauma Informed Care and Nurture Provision	BS Best Start to Life RARS Strategy Corporate Wellbeing Plan (FOTF) RTI Plan	Lisa Mytton – Leader and Portfolio Member; Sue Walker – Chief Officer of Education; Chris Hole – Head of Community Wellbeing HT's to be considered	Scrutiny and Challenge: - This report was requested by members during last year's scrutiny committee cycle (2020/21). The committee will explore the work being undertaken by schools in relation to trauma informed care and nurture provision. Potential to hold as a workshop in one of the schools.
	Attendance in Schools	BS Best Start to Life RARS Strategy Corporate Wellbeing Plan (FOTF) RTI Plan	Lisa Mytton – Leader and Portfolio Member; Sue Walker – Chief Officer of Education	Scrutiny and Challenge: - The scrutiny committee will receive an update on attendance from early years to secondary schools. The committee will examine the work being done to improve attendance levels for all learners.
7 th March 2022	ESTYN Self Evaluation Reporting (SER) Framework (Inspection Area 1) and the Corporate Self Evaluation KQ1	BS Best Start to Life Corporate Wellbeing Plan (FOTF)	Lisa Mytton – Leader and Portfolio Member; Sue Walker – Chief Officer of Education; Anthony Lewis – Head of School Planning and Improvement	Scrutiny and Challenge: - The Scrutiny Committee will receive a report from the Chief Education Officer on a Local Government Education Services Inspection Framework, which has been aligned to the corporate self-evaluation framework. The Committee will review the findings report; and review the validity of the judgements made by the Chief

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	Capita One Development	BS Best Start to Life RARS Strategy Corporate Wellbeing Plan (FOTF) RTI Plan	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 use of Capita One within the Learning Department and next steps for ongoing development.
9 th May 2022	Cancelled due to May Elections			

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	Curriculum for Wales – Readiness (9 th May Committee cancelled due to elections) CSC Challenge Framework