



MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : LEARNING AND LGES MEETING

MONDAY, 7TH MARCH, 2022

PRESENT: Councillors H R Jones (Chair)
S Jago (Vice-Chair)

B Carter, L Davies and E Galsworthy

Officers:

A May (School Planning Officer), A Lewis (Head of School Planning Performance and Resource), S Walker (Chief Education Officer) and S Jablaoui (Performance and Scrutiny Officer Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
733	Apologies for absence	Apologies received from K Phelan & David Isaac
734	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No declarations of interest were received Cllr Mytton extends thanks to the chair for his years of service and dedication to the community.
735	ESTYN Self Evaluation Reporting (SER) Framework (Inspection Area 1) and the Corporate Self Evaluation KQ1	Presentation by A May. Question raised by Cllr Jago regarding the placement of the Flying Start Scheme with emphasis on the need for such a scheme within the Bedlinog Ward. S Walker informs Cllr Jago of the scheme's roll out and

		<p>expansion from September 2022.</p> <p>Question raised by J Beard requesting evidence of significant development S Walker informs J Beard that there is a lack of robust data to provide as evidence, however, is confident that schools are making progress by meeting targets.</p> <p>Question raised by Cllr Davies regarding a table of data as evidence of moving in the right direction. S Walker assures Cllr Davies we are moving in the right direction.</p> <p>Question raised by Cllr Galsworthy regarding the provision of additional support for the traveller community. S Walker confirms that there is currently no support available outside of street based teams.</p>
736	Capita Development One	<p>Presented by A Lewis.</p> <p>Question raised by Cllr Jago whether staff can be re-established to support development. A Lewis responds that the positions were temporary and staff sustainability has been a struggle due to Community Wellbeing Grants having existing projects however, will continue with their development commitment.</p>
737	Implications for Young People and Schools due to the End of European Funding	<p>Presented by S Morgan</p> <p>The chair expresses concern regarding their ability upholding their commitment to education and raising aspirations following funding cuts. Emphasis placed on the importance of investing in the youth of Merthyr Tydfil.</p> <p>Cllr Davies raises concerns regarding the impact of funding loss regarding education and employability. Question raised on how much would need to be raised to replace lost funding. S Morgan reveals the approximate figure would be £625,000.</p> <p>Question raised by Cllr Jago regarding when the 18 staff contracts come to an end. S Morgan confirms that the contracts are ongoing until March 2023.</p> <p>Question raised by Cllr Jago whether there is a paper demonstrating the scale of the impact the loss of funding will have on the county borough S Morgan confirms there is a paper available.</p>
738	Work Programme	
739	Forward Work Programme 2021/22	The chair advises that this item is best reviewed after the local elections
740	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow	No referrals were received

	up Actions	
741	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	Chair thanks members for all their support throughout his role as Chair
742	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	No other business was deemed urgent by the chair.