

Scrutiny Forward Work Programme 2023-2024

Learning and LGES Scrutiny

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19 TH June 2023	Forward Work Plan 2023/2024	Link to Well-being Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Aspirational Merthyr Tydfil Focused on Learning • A Safe & Prosperous Merthyr Tydfil • A Healthier Merthyr Tydfil • A Clean & Green Merthyr Tydfil Corporate Plan RARS Strategy	Chair of Education Scrutiny	Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams Scrutiny Type: Scrutiny Meeting	Ensure FWP includes the 4 r's of scrutiny and add value through critical friend challenge and ensure the work programme is robust for the year ahead.
	Effectiveness of Governing Bodies including their democratic accountability	Link to Well-being Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspiration Merthyr Tydfil focused on learning. Corporate Plan RARS Strategy	Cabinet Member for Education Head of Service Achievement and Wellbeing	Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams Scrutiny Type: Scrutiny Meeting	Provide critical friend challenge of the work being undertaken by Governing Bodies and consider their effectiveness (including their democratic accountability). Feedback can be used to inform priorities going forward.

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18 TH September 2023	School Balances and MTFPs	Link to Well-being Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aspiration Merthyr Tydfil focused on learning. Corporate Plan RARS Strategy	Cabinet Member for Education Director of Education	Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams Scrutiny Type: Scrutiny Meeting	To receive a report on school balances at year end and consider schools MTFPs and budget position and identify budget pressures to inform future priorities.
	North Cluster Community School Focus Pilot (CFS)	Link to Well-being Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aspiration Merthyr Tydfil focused on learning. Corporate Plan RARS Strategy	Cabinet Member for Education Director of Education Lead Officer for CFS	Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams Scrutiny Type: Scrutiny Meeting	To receive a progress review on the Pilot and to debate this and ask questions on the impact this has had on pupil/community learning and wellbeing and use this to inform future priorities.
6 TH November 2023	School Estyn Inspections: Gellifaelog PS PRU Goetre PS	Link to Well-being Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aspiration Merthyr Tydfil focused on learning. Corporate Plan RARS Strategy	Cabinet Member for Education Director of Education Head of Service Achievement and Wellbeing	Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams Scrutiny Type: Scrutiny Meeting	To receive a presentation from the Headteacher/Chair on the progress school has made against their Post Inspection Action Plan (PIAP) since the ESTYN Inspection. Members will ask questions to support future priorities.

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11 TH December 2023	Welsh Education Strategic Plan (WESP)	Link to Well-being Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aspiration Merthyr Tydfil focused on learning. Corporate Plan RARS Strategy WESP	Cabinet Member for Education Director of Education Head of Service Achievement and Wellbeing	Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams Scrutiny Type: Scrutiny Meeting	Scrutiny members to receive a report on the progress made against the targets in the WESP Strategy and to scrutinise this information to identify any pressure points, barriers and to inform future priorities.
	RARS Strategy	Link to Well-being Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aspiration Merthyr Tydfil focused on learning. Corporate Plan RARS Strategy WESP	Cabinet Member for Education Director of Education Head of Service Achievement and Wellbeing	Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams Scrutiny Type: Scrutiny Meeting	Scrutiny members to receive and progress report on the RARS Strategy and scrutinise this information to identify any impact on pupil progress to inform future priorities.

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22 ND January 2024	Whole School Approach	Link to Well-being Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspiration Merthyr Tydfil focused on learning. • Corporate Plan RARS Strategy 	Cabinet Member for Education Director of Education	Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams Scrutiny Type: Scrutiny Meeting	To consider a report on the Whole School Approach to inform future priorities. Joint workshop before the Scrutiny Meeting with Members of the Social Services Scrutiny, in relation to Whole School Approach. And the impact on pupil progress and standards.
	CSC Annual Report to Scrutiny	Link to Well-being Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collaboration • Aspirational Merthyr Tydfil Corporate Plan RARS Strategy	Cabinet Member for Education Director of Education	Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams Scrutiny Type: Scrutiny Meeting	To scrutinise the Annual Report for 2022/2023 and provide critical friend challenge in relation to the contribution of CSC working in partnership to raise standards in schools. Outcome can be used to inform decisions regarding future challenge and monitoring.

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4 th March 2024	Review of ALN	Link to Well-being Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspirational Merthyr Tydfil • Healthier Merthyr Tydfil Corporate Plan RARS Strategy	Cabinet Member for Education Director of Education	Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams Scrutiny Type: Scrutiny Meeting	Scrutinise the progress made to comply with duties set out in the ALN Act and use this information to inform future priorities.
	Attendance Report	Link to Well-being Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspirational Merthyr Tydfil • Healthier Merthyr Tydfil Corporate Plan RARS Strategy	Cabinet Member for Education Director of Education	Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams Scrutiny Type: Scrutiny Meeting	Examine and consider progress made against the targets identified in the Attendance Improvement Plan to inform decisions going forward.

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22 nd April 2024	Transition Arrangements across all key stages	Link to Well-being Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collaboration • Aspirational Merthyr Tydfil Corporate Plan RARS Strategy	Cabinet Member for Education Director of Education	Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams Scrutiny Type: Scrutiny Meeting	To receive a report on transition arrangements and use this information to inform future priorities - Member will scrutinise Transition Plans at a workshop setting looking at transition from early years to nursery, from Yr6 to High School and from Yr11 to College.

Scrutiny Activities 2023 2024

Workshop Title	Date
Whole School Approach – Joint Scrutiny Workshop with Social Services	
SER Workshop – Spring Term (Scrutiny Meeting April 2024)	

Task and Finish Groups	Scrutiny Visits
Consider food waste in schools (Lead Scrutiny Member - Cllr Clare Jones Spring 2024)	College – Meet the Team, Learning Walk, Transition
MAT Pupils (Lead Scrutiny Member - Jeff Beard meeting September 2023)	