

Draft Outline Forward Work Programme
Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1

Friday 26 May 2023 at 11.00am		
Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
EFS Strategic Plan	Provide Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 (SOSC1) members with an opportunity to view and comment on the draft Education and Family Support Directorate (EFS) Strategic Plan 2023-2026.	<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Cabinet Member for Education</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Education and Family Support Group Manager School Support Group Manager Inclusion and School Improvement School Programme Manager Group Manager Business Support Group Manager Family Support</p> <p><u>CSC</u> Managing Director Assistant Director for Curriculum and Professional Learning Principle Improvement Manager</p> <p><u>Headteacher Nominees</u> Headteacher Nantfyllon Primary School Headteacher Penfai Church in Wales Primary School Headteacher Bryntirion Comprehensive School and Chair of BASH</p> <p><u>External</u></p>

Thursday 13 July 2023 at 11.00am – CANCELLED		
Report Topics	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Draft Outline Forward Work Programme		<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> – NA</p> <p><u>Officers</u> - NA</p> <p><u>CSC</u> - NA</p> <p><u>Headteacher Nominees</u> - NA</p> <p><u>External</u> - NA</p>

Monday 11 September 2023 at 11.00am		
Report Topics	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Youth Justice Service Update and Operational Plan	T12 within the Education Directorate Strategic Plan	<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Cabinet Member for Education</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Corporate Director of Education and Family Support Operational Managers, Youth Justice Service</p> <p><u>CSC</u> N/A</p> <p><u>Headteacher Nominees</u> N/A</p> <p><u>External</u></p>
Draft Outline Forward Work Programme		<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Cabinet Member for Education</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Corporate Director of Education and Family Support</p> <p><u>CSC</u></p> <p><u>Headteacher Nominees</u></p> <p><u>External</u></p>

Thursday 12 October 2024 at 11.00am		
Report Topics	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Whole School Approach to emotional health and wellbeing		<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Cabinet Member for Education Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Wellbeing Deputy Leader of Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services</p> <p><u>Officers</u></p>

		<p>Group Manager Inclusion and School Improvement Group Manager Family Support</p> <p><u>CSC</u></p> <p><u>Headteacher Nominees</u> Headteachers Wellbeing Lead</p> <p><u>External</u> Youth Council members</p>
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Monday 4 December 2024 at 11.00am

Report Topics	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Adult Community Learning	Proposed Information report	<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Cabinet Member for Education</p> <p><u>Officers</u></p> <p><u>CSC</u></p> <p><u>Headteacher Nominees</u></p> <p><u>External</u></p>
Youth Services report	<p>Pre-meeting site visit to small, medium, and large primary school.</p> <p>Further details on funding as well as consideration of provision of staff, kitchen equipment and space for pupils.</p> <p>Delays in Capital Schemes – Universal Free School Meals; looking at schools and whether they are ready</p>	<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Wellbeing</p> <p><u>Officers</u></p> <p><u>CSC</u></p> <p><u>Headteacher Nominees</u></p> <p><u>External</u></p>

Thursday 18 January 2024 at 11.00am

Report Topics	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Draft Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-		<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Leader of Council</p>

25 to 2027-28 and Budget Proposals		<p>Deputy Leader of Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Early Help Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Legal Cabinet Member for Education</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Chief Executive Chief Officer Finance, Performance and Change Corporate Director Education and Family Support</p> <p>Head of Education and Family Support Interim Deputy Head of Finance Interim Finance Manager Budget Management: Communities, Education and Family Support</p> <p><u>CSC</u></p> <p><u>Headteacher Nominees</u> Chair of Schools Budget Form Chair of BASH</p> <p><u>External</u></p>
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Monday 18 March 2024 at 11.00am		
Report Topics	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Curriculum for Wales Update and Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP)	2 March 23 – Recommendation from COSC - The challenges of recruiting Welsh speaking teachers into the County Borough be included in the scope of the report on Welsh in Education Strategic Plan.	<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Cabinet Member for Education</p> <p><u>Officers</u></p> <p><u>CSC</u></p> <p><u>Headteacher Nominees</u></p> <p><u>External</u></p>

Members briefing sessions

- Session to be held to update Members on recommencing of reporting exam results.
- How leadership and safeguarding is being audited.

Information reports to be provided

- English Language School's catchment areas / capacity
- Early Help Service Pressures
- Appointment of Local Education Authority (LEA) governors – Policy and rules - Criteria and procedure for the appointment and removal of local authority school governors'

Items to be scheduled 2024/25

- Universal Primary Free School Meals (UPFSM) Programme – early summer 2024.
- RLN implementation update – June / July 2024.
- Annual review of EFS Plan and direction of travel.

Potential Items to be scheduled

- Upgrading of older school facilities that are not being replaced under school modernisation.
- Home to school transport / safe routes to schools
- Governing Bodies – Support and funding. Invitation to be extended to representatives and the Governors Association.
- Monitor the implications of any proposed reduction to school delegated budget – on school budgets, staffing structures, redundancies, and any resulting impact on pupils.
- Central South Consortium – How they have provided value for the schools in the County Borough
- School catchment areas, pupil admission numbers and new school builds

Outcomes from 2022-23:

13 March 2023:

- The Committee agreed to monitor in the form of an outcome report as to how leadership and safeguarding is being audited, specifically in relation to the collaboration within the authority between Social Services and Education and Wellbeing directorate, working closely together, to ensure schools are receiving specialist support timely.

26 May 2023:

- referrals from schools into early help, they asked Offices if they were seeing an influx of referrals from any particular areas of the county and whether there were any concerns or particular areas - They continued there would be a piece of work done to look in more detail in terms of where referrals were coming from and whether there is specific support needed to be offered in those areas.
- Members expressed concern over the support for the wellbeing of children and felt it was responsible and proactive to have services in place and for them to be available in a timely manner for the children and parents who needed them. Officers advised there was a wide range of support available and discussed the Whole School Approach to emotional health and wellbeing that they had piloted in conjunction with the Health Board. This pilot was coming up for its second year so there would be data pilot analysis should the Committee wish to have an information report to consider if needed as a Forward Work Programme item.