

SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1 - MONDAY, 4 JULY 2022

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1
HELD REMOTELY - VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON MONDAY, 4 JULY 2022 AT 09:30**

Present

Councillor A Williams – Chairperson

RJ Collins
M Jones

M J Evans
T Thomas

H Griffiths
AJ Williams

D T Harrison
E D Winstanley

Apologies for Absence

J Llewellyn-Hopkins, Rev Canon Edward Evans and E Richards

Officers:

Lucy Beard
Meryl Lawrence
Jessica Mclellan

Scrutiny Officer
Senior Democratic Services Officer - Scrutiny
Scrutiny Officer

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Melanie Evans declared a personal interest as a member of the Task Force for 21st Century Schools in her capacity as a Town councillor for Pencoed Town Council and as a School Governor for Croesty Primary School and Pencoed Comprehensive School.

Councillor Elaine Winstanley declared a personal interested as her Employer sits on the Public Service Board.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of a meeting of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 dated 20 January 2022 be approved as a true and accurate record.

3. CORPORATE PARENTING CHAMPION NOMINATION

The Scrutiny Officer presented the report which requested the Committee to nominate one Member as its Corporate Parenting Champion to represent the Committee as an invitee to meetings of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting.

The Chairperson invited nominations, following which it was:

RESOLVED: That Councillor Tim Thomas be nominated to represent Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 as an invitee to meetings of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting.

4. NOMINATION TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD SCRUTINY PANEL

The Scrutiny Officer presented the report, which requested the Committee to nominate one Member to sit on the Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel.

The Chairperson invited nominations, following which it was:

RESOLVED: That Councillor Richard Collins be nominated by Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 to sit on the Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel.

5. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE**

The Senior Democratic Services Officer – Scrutiny presented the Committee with the proposed draft outline Forward Work Programme (FWP) in (Appendix A) for discussion and consideration, requested any specific information the Committee identified to be included in the items for the next two meetings, including invitees they wished to attend, requested the Committee to identify any further items for consideration on the Forward Work Programme having regard to the selection criteria in paragraph 4.6 and asked the Committee to note that the Forward Work Programme for the Committee would be reported to a meeting of COSC, following the July cycle of SOSC meetings.

The Committee requested the following reports be added to the Forward Work Programme:

- Upgrading of older school facilities that are not being replaced under School Modernisation and improving their energy efficiency in line with the 2030 Decarbonisation Agenda.
- English Language Schools' catchment areas / capacity.

That with regard to the Pupil Attendance, Exclusions, Health and Safeguarding report scheduled for the meeting on 12 September, the Committee look at:

- Pupil wellbeing from an attendance perspective and support in schools from Education Welfare Officers;
- How the Free school meal programme is being rolled out in schools across the county borough.
- What support schools are getting particularly for care experienced children and are there effective lines of communication between schools and social services support.
- In relation to increased referrals to Information Advice and Assistance (IAA) within the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH), the way in which referrals from schools to IAA are dealt with and the support in the team (and specifically requested representatives from IAA and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) in relation to pupil attendance/safeguarding), for the September report.

In addition, the Committee recommended:

- Wellbeing be revisited within a suitable time frame to monitor progress and support.
- Sight of the Corporate Management Dashboard for the Education Directorate on a quarterly basis at the appropriate time.
- That Pupil Wellbeing be included and monitored as part of the Directorate Performance Dashboard in future.

RESOLVED: That the Committee considered and agreed the proposed draft outline Forward Work Programme in Appendix A, subject to the inclusion of the above requested reports and invitees and noted that the Forward Work Programmes for the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committees would be reported to a meeting of COSC,

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following the next cycle of SOSC meetings.

6. **URGENT ITEMS**

None

The meeting closed at 10:00