

Date of Meeting	Item	Members wished to make the following comments and conclusions:	Response/Comments	Follow up required
04-Dec-2017	Draft Budget Proposals - Education and Family Support	<p>Following the Committee's consideration of the draft budget proposals for the Education Directorate, Members determined to make the following recommendations to go forward to Cabinet:</p> <p>2. The Committee recommend that in order for Members to support the Festival of Learning proposed budget growth there needs to be clear objectives and outcomes in order to see what is going to be achieved from this one-off investment;</p> <p>3. The Committee recommend that the Authority lobby Welsh Government to consider longer term budget planning to enable Local Authorities to better plan for the future and have security of funding for projects and priorities;</p> <p>4. The Committee recommend that the Authority ensure that strong links are made between any future investment for schools and the current and future Local Development Plan with closer working relationships with all those involved. This is in line with the requirements of the Wellbeing and Future Generations (Wales) Act in terms of how decisions taken now should be taking account of the longer term impact on future generations;</p> <p>5. The Committee recommend that early and serious consideration be given to the proposals for future Education cuts of a 1% efficiency saving from 2019-20 onwards including evidence of potential impact and how schools and the Local Authority can plan to minimise this impact on schools, staff and most importantly on pupil performance.</p>	Response to be provided via Cabinet as part of Budget consultation process	
		<p>Additional Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Outturn figures for catering indicating profit and loss for the last 3 years including information outlining whether the price increase each year outweighs the loss due to a reduction in uptake; 	<p>Outturn for last 3 full financial years and narrative supplied on next sheet (Appendix A1). The price rise did not take effect until Sept 17 and consequently until there has been a whole year it is difficult to see any take up impact. Also, any changes in outturn can be due to the fact that there are different numbers of trading days and also different numbers of pupils from one year to the next.</p>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details of delegated and non-delegated funding , per pupil – to see comparisons and clarify the evidence over the Authority being funded 17 out of 22 for secondary schools and 21 out of 22 for primary schools; 	Please see attached Appendix A2.	

A decision was made that Bridgend would advertise and manage its own food procurement contracts, due to the expiry of the previously used WPC contracts, and due to the fact that the National Procurement Service for Wales did not have timely contracts in place to address Bridgend's non-compliance with our own contract procedure rules.

The main objectives of Bridgend undertaking its own procurement process was to try and attract local SMEs and try and achieve the best pricing available. Best prices are not necessarily achievable from SMEs, and therefore a community benefit question was scored from each supplier response to try and gain an understanding of how they themselves work with SMEs.

Ty Tanglwyst dairy in Corneli, Bridgend, were successful for the supply of fresh milk to the school meal service and the Meals At Home service.

Weekes Of Merthyr were successful for the supply of soft drinks and bottled water for the secondary school meal cafeteria services. Weekes source the bottled water and the school compliant soft drinks from Radnor Hills, based in Knighton, Powys.

WR. Bishops of Tonyrefail in the Rhondda Valley were successful for the supply of fruit and vegetables. They source their products from Puffin Products, Haverford West, and from the Cardiff fresh food markets

Holdsworth Food Service of Crichhowell was successful for the supply of ambient, dry and frozen goods. Holdsworth work with a number of SMEs to source local Welsh products, which includes free range eggs from a farm in Llantrisant

Bridgend has been able to demonstrate significant potential savings on future spends as a direct result of undertaking its own procurement process

Since the start of the Bridgend contracts, The National Procurement Service for Wales has since launched the start of its own food frameworks. The NPS did try to attract SMEs to their frameworks by breaking down Wales into separate Zones and commodities into separate Lots. Castell Howell of Carmarthen have been successful for a significant amount of zones and lots within the frameworks for all of Wales but it remains to be seen how they will cope with mobilising their company to fulfil the demands of numerous Welsh authorities.

In particular the Bridgend Fruit and Vegetable contract achieved better pricing than the NPS similar framework.

Bridgend now has the luxury of watching this mobilisation period, whilst working with our local suppliers to source further more local products, and reaping financial benefits from its own managed contracts, before deciding about future procurement of food

- Whether or not the schools catering service is sourcing local products;

The figures indicate the number of children with a primary or secondary need of ASD, who are also FSM eligible.

The data is taken from the last 3 PLASC censuses in January 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Date	Number of Children with Primary or Secondary ASD diagnosis	Number who are FSM eligible	%
January 2015	370	113	30.5
January 2016	432	130	30.1
January 2017	454	149	32.8

- Clarification of the number of pupils with an ASD who are in receipt of support from the Pupil Development Grant;
- The Committee requested that the feedback from the School Budget Forum following its meeting next week be presented to both BREP and the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration in development of their recommendations.

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the 6th December are attached (Appendix A3). These have not yet been issued/approved by representatives of the SBF.