

Recommendations in relation to Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017-18 – 2020-2021**Recommendation 5**

It is recommended that Cabinet support the proposal to provide match funding for a strategic co-ordinator role between TCCs and the LA, to take forward joint working following clarification of sufficient uptake by TCCs.

Recommendation 10

The Panel recommend that the projected overspend for Social Services for 2017-18 that will roll over for 2018-19 should be made clearer in the final budget report to Council and Cabinet so that it is fully understood that their current projected budget savings for 2018-19 actually equate to around £2.2m, not the £350,000 it appears from the individual budget proposals.

Recommendation 14

The Panel recommend that in order for the Festival of Learning event to be funded, it must evidence clear measureable outcomes towards raising education standards. The Panel further recommend that Scrutiny receive detail of this for information as well as specifics of what the teachers will provide at the event to offer more of an understanding of the structure and content of the event.

Recommendation 15

The Panel recommend that the Directorate pursue sponsorship from local businesses and Bridgend College to fund the Festival of Learning. The Panel recommend that schools select a broad range of pupil representation to partake in the event to ensure there is a variety of views being incorporated.

Recommendation 16

The Panel applaud the leadership approach and innovation being introduced within the OPS Directorate but recognise and recommend the need to be vigilant to that fact that further cuts in this area can have a significant impact on frontline services across the LA.