

Date of Meeting	Item	Members wished to make the following comments and conclusions:	Response/Comments
30-Apr-2018	City Deal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee agreed that the City Deal item should be deferred to a date which ensures an appropriate level of attendance at that meeting and that sufficient time is allocated to the item by all invitees. Members of the Committee further requested that a letter be sent to the Chief Executive formally highlighting their disappointment on learning of the reduced attendance of the meeting. 	Date to be confirmed. Letter sent to Chief Executive. Response received and circulated to all Members on 30 May 2018
	Festival of Learning – Summary of Activity and Projected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members referred to the recommendations made by the Budget Research and Evaluation Panel (BREP) in relation to this item and the Committee queried whether the Directorate had been successful in securing any sponsorship from local businesses for the event, as there was no reference provided within the finance section of the report. 	Officers have approached a range of local businesses in order to secure sponsorship for the event. To date, offers of sponsorship have been received from New Directions (£1000) and Andrew Scott Ltd (£150) and Heronston Hotel (c. £85). Asda has agreed to provide free water bottles to attendees at the Learners' Day event. WHSmith has also agreed to provide sponsorship but the actual amount has not been confirmed at present. Officers are continuing to attract further sponsorship. A further update will be provided in due course.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee also emphasised the importance of local businesses involvement in the event to provide greater clarity regarding what skills are required by employers to ensure future students employability. 	The Education and Family Support Directorate has been working closely with the Projects and Business Approaches Team throughout the development phase of the Festival of Learning 2018. Two articles in respect of the Festival of Learning have been published in the Bridgend Business Forum newsletter. Similarly, Bridgend College has been involved in the planning and preparation of the event. Several local businesses have already been involved in the Festival of Learning (see above). The Interim Corporate Director, Education and Family Support will be presenting to the Bridgend Business Forum on 13 June; where local businesses will again be invited to attend Festival of Learning events. Sponsorship will be discussed at that point too.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Again, with reference to the recommendation made by BREP regarding the need for schools to select a broad range of pupil representation to partake in the event, to ensure a variety of view to be incorporated, the Committee note that there was no mention of how the students would be nominated. 	All school councils are involved in preparing for the Festival of Learning 2018 (ie around 730 pupils) are actively involved in the week's events). 120 pupils, representing all 59 schools and The Bridge Alternative Provision will be involved in the Learners' Day. It is hoped that the outcome of the Festival of Learning will have a positive impact on all learners in Bridgend.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members requested clarification in relation the funding amounts for the festival of learning and queried whether the £15k would be deducted from the £65k applied for and highlighted the need to make this clearer within the report. Members recommend that a future report be presented to Scrutiny to provide an evaluation of the Festival of Learning, to stipulate what outcomes were achieved and provide statistics evidencing success following the event. 	The total cost of running the Festival of Learning 2018 is £31,400. The total indicative cost of running the professional development workshops is £16,700 (with £15,500 of this going directly to schools). The total indicative cost of running the Symposium event is £1,800. The total indicative cost of the Learners' Day is £4,850. The total additional indicative costs associated with running the Festival of Learning 2018 are £8,050. The Local Authority Annex funding allocation (£19,500) Bridgend receives from Central South Consortium will be used to support the cost of running the Festival of Learning 2018. Officers anticipate that BCBC's final contribution will be below £10,000. It is important to note that approximately 50% of the total budget (ie £15,500) required to run the Festival of Learning 2018 will be delegated directly to schools £65,000 was approved by Council for the Festival of Learning on 28 February 2018 as a one-off pressure as part of the Council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2018-2019 to 2021-2022. Any underspend against this allocation will be returned to the Corporate Budget.
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