BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1

23 AUGUST 2019

REPORT BY THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND FAMILY SUPPORT POST-INSPECTION ACTION PLAN

1. Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 (SOSC1) of the local authority's draft response to recommendations identified during Estyn's recent inspection of the Bridgend County Borough Council's (BCBC's) local government education services.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/other corporate priorities

2.1 The report links to the following improvement priorities in the Corporate Plan:

Supporting a successful economy

We will take steps to make the county a good place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focused on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions of all people in the county.

Helping people to be more self-reliant

We will take early steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services.

Smarter use of resources

Ensuring that all its resources (ie financial, physical, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the development of resources throughout the community that can help deliver the Council's priorities.

3. Background

- 3.1 Bridgend County Borough Council's local government education services were inspected by Estyn in March 2019. The inspection report was published on 31 May 2019. The full text of the report is available on the Estyn website: www.estyn.gov.uk
- 3.2 Through the inspection process, Estyn identified four recommendations for the local authority to respond to which are as follows:
 - Recommendation 1 Raise standards of literacy in primary schools
 - Recommendation 2 Improve outcomes for post-16 learners in sixth forms
 - Recommendation 3 Increase the pace of improvement in schools causing concern

 Recommendation 4 – Strengthen the role of the Welsh Education Strategic Forum to ensure timely progress in delivering the priorities identified in the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan

4. Current situation/proposal

- 4.1 Following the Estyn inspection, the local authority is required to update its plans to address the four main recommendations and to take account of shortcomings identified through the inspection process.
- 4.2 The local authority must submit a post-inspection action plan (PIAP) to Estyn by 31 August 2019 (ie within three months of the publication of the inspection report).
- 4.3 Officers from the local authority and Central South Consortium (CSC) have considered the inspection report carefully and have developed a PIAP. The draft PIAP can be located at Appendix A of this report.
- 4.4 The draft PIAP contains Bridgend County Borough Council's proposals in respect of the four main recommendations and also the local authority's plans to improve the areas for development identified in the report. These are listed as a suite of 'sub-recommendations'.
- 4.5 SOSC1 members will note that officers are currently reporting 'limited progress' against the majority of outcome measures in the PIAP Termly Progress Card. This is mainly due to the fact that the inspection report was published on 31 May 2019 and the school term ended 7 weeks later (on 22 July). Officers anticipate that significantly more progress will be reported during autumn term.
- 4.6 Officers will provide formal termly reports in relation to progress against PIAP objectives to the School Improvement Group.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

5.1. There is no effect upon policy framework and procedure rules.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1. There are no direct equality impact issues arising from this report.

7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Assessment

7.1. A summary of the implications relating to the five ways of working as identified in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 is as follows:

7.2 Long term

Supports the improvements of standards and outcomes for children and young people.

7.3 **Prevention**

Development of a PIAP helps to ensure that any recommendations are addressed and acted upon in a timely manner to ensure that there are swift improvements in the recommended areas.

7.4 Integration

Monitoring and acting upon the Estyn inspection report is key to ensuring that outcomes are achieved thus helping to support a successful economy.

7.5 **Collaboration**

The local authority works closely with schools, Estyn with CSC and other key partner agencies to deliver the well-being objectives. For example, the local authority receives school inspection reports from Estyn, and this informs the work conducted by CSC to deliver the support for school improvement services.

7.6 Involvement

This area of work involves all stakeholders in improving outcomes for children and young people. For example, schools work closely with challenge advisers from CSC to refine their improvement plans or post-inspection action plans and to identify strategic support from the local authority, CSC and elsewhere (as required) reflect the diversity of stakeholders involved in aspects of school improvement

8. Financial implications

8.1. Any financial implications have been noted in the resource section of the PIAP. The majority of the actions will be met from within existing Bridgend County Borough Council staff/CSC resources. Welsh Government funding has been identified to support the implementation of 'Voice 21' and Alps data for key stage 4. Resources required for the production of the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) will be determined in line with Welsh Government targets once they have been confirmed. At the time of writing this report, resource implications for the new management of information system (MIS) have not been firmed up. This will be part of the business case and developed pending resources being identified and progress will be reported on a termly basis to the School Improvement Group.

9. Recommendation

9.1. SOSC1 is recommended to note the contents of this report.

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Appendix A

Bridgend County Borough Council Local Government Education Services

Post-Inspection Action Plan 2019



RECOMMENDATION 1: RAISE STANDARDS OF LITERACY IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Outcomes (Success Criteria)	Action	Resources required	Completion dates	By whom?	How will we review activity?	Progress (Formal termly report to School Improvement Group)
1.1 All schools have a clearer understanding of the quality of literacy in their setting and context 1.2 Challenge advisers have identified the quality of school self-evaluation processes for literacy. This considers planning for, delivery of and assessment procedures.	Challenge advisers to work with schools to identify through rigorous self-evaluation the quality of literacy provision and the standards achieved by pupils. Challenge advisers to capture succinct notes about the quality of literacy in notes of visit.	Challenge adviser time	Starting September 2019 (and monitored on a half-termly basis) Ongoing	Senior responsible officer: Senior challenge adviser Main delivery partners: Challenge advisers Group Manager (School Improvement) Group Manager (Inclusion and School Improvement)	Half-termly challenge adviser and senior challenge adviser review meetings Half-termly senior challenge adviser and Group Manager (Inclusion and School Improvement) review meetings Progress reported at Performance and Financial Monitoring Board meetings (monthly) Termly local	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) Challenge adviser briefings have been arranged and will take place in late August 2019 in preparation for implementation in September Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
1.3 All clusters have an agreed plan for the development of literacy which is submitted to local authority and	Local authority to make literacy an agreed local authority-wide cluster target.	Meeting time for local authority officers to meet with cluster leads	July 2019	Senior responsible officer: Group Manager	authority link inspector visits Undertaken by cluster leads and submitted to local authority on a termly	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) Clusters have received briefings and support from the local authority and Central South Consortium has been

Central South Consortium as part of their wider cluster plans. All plans are to be evaluated using the Kirk Patrick model for assessing impact and effectiveness of professional learning.				(School Improvement) Main delivery partners: Cluster leads	basis	given. Central South Consortium has provided funding (£1500) for a cluster coordinator in each cluster to oversee each cluster's work. An evaluation of cluster plans 2018-2019 has been undertaken. An analysis of this evaluation will be presented to School Improvement Group in autumn 2019. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
1.4 A consistent and effective approach to the development and delivery of oracy is developed across all clusters, ensuring that learner pathways into secondary schools are consistent.	All schools to access 'Voice 21' oracy project through cluster leads.	Programme funded via Welsh Government grant	July 2020	Senior responsible officer: Senior challenge adviser Main delivery partners: Central South Consortium Strategic Team	Reviewed using Kirk Patrick model and report to local authority via termly progress reports.	 Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) A primary school and secondary school representative from each cluster has attended 'Voice 21' training. A second programme of training will be rolled out from September 2019. Clusters will then be in a position to develop consistent approaches to oracy across their own clusters. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19)

1.5 Challenge advisers to ensure that all schools are fully aware of the Central South Consortium Professional Learning Offer with regards to literacy and how to access the offer. 1.6 Local authority to be	Schools access bespoke Central South Consortium Professional Learning Offer 2019-2020.	Challenge adviser time Additional Central South Consortium resource Central South Consortium Professional Learning Offer Challenge adviser	May 2020	Senior responsible officer: Senior challenge adviser Main delivery partners: Challenge advisers	Number of schools accessing Central South Consortium Professional Learning Offer reported in local authority progress review meetings	 Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20) Challenge advisers have been briefed on the latest professional learning offer. The professional learning offer is widely advertised to all schools via Consortium email updates Challenge advisers will update schools from September 2019. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
fully informed of progress of literacy standards in schools.	to report on progress in literacy at all local authority progress review meetings. Challenge advisers to report on literacy at all the school review meetings.	Senior challenge adviser time Senior challenge adviser time Local authority officer time	March 2020 July 2020	responsible officer: Senior challenge adviser Main delivery partners:	meetings with Central South Consortium	 Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) This was discussed at June's Senior Management Team meeting. It was agreed that all future meeting agendas will include standing items to report on PIAP- recommendations and

Compilation of		progress against objectives.
local authority progress review	Challenge advisers	Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19)
progress review	advisers	•
		Spring term 2020 (31/03/20)
		•
		Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
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RECOMMENDATION 2: IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR POST-16 LEARNERS IN SIXTH FORMS

Outcomes (Success Criteria)	Action	Resources required	Completion dates	By whom?	How will we review activity?	Progress (Formal termly report to School Improvement Group)
2.1 Sustain standards from key stage 4 into sixth forms	Review of learning pathways and curriculum offer	Formal Learning Group (FLG)	March 2020	Senior responsible officer: Specialist Officer Post-16 Main delivery partners: Central South Consortium Post-16 Specialist Headteachers	Progress review meetings and Bridgend Association of Secondary Headteachers (BASH)	 Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) The final meeting of FLG for 2018-2019 was held on 28 June. Final subject arrangements for 2019-2020 discussed/agreed. Concern over BTEC replacements for vocational subjects with OCR diplomas being suggested to create an appropriate curriculum offer rather than the WJEC suite of vocational diplomas. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
2.2 Improve value-added performance at local authority, school and subject level	Best practice case studies to be shared Use of Alps data Develop a programme of school-to-school led improvement for post-16	Costs of Alps currently secured through Central South Consortium and Welsh Government for key stage 4	Autumn term 2019	Senior responsible officer: Post-16 Specialist Officer	Alps reviews held on an annual basis between schools, local authority and challenge	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) Comparisons of Alps data at school/subject level with the new national achievement performance measures has been shared with headteacher

	subjects, especially those in the 'blue' zone in Alps; Also link into Central South Consortium post-16 subject support groups (eg STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).			Main delivery partners: Schools	advisers Progress review meetings School Improvement Group meetings	to show new patterns of analysis now available and to inform school/school improvement planning for post-16. • An Alps Connect training day has been organised and delivered on 18/06/19. • Focus on both key stage 4 and post-16. • Data and senior managers from all secondary schools attended. Examples of good practice demonstrated by Alps. • BCBC's IT Department has facilitated the use of Google Chrome in schools to maximise the efficiency of the interface with Alps for examination results in 2019. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) • Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) • Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
2.3 Annual improvement against benchmark data	Challenge advisers to validate school self-evaluation processes and judgements around teaching and learning. Where under performance	Challenge adviser Central South Consortium lead	Verified results	Senior responsible officer: Senior challenge adviser	Annual Scrutiny Report Senior Management Team monthly meetings	Challenge advisers have worked with schools to ensure self-evaluation processes are accurate and valid.

	ed, challenge o broker support.	Main delivery partners: Challenge advisers	School Improvement Group meeting Performance and Financial Monitoring Board	Senior challenge adviser to provide an update to School Improvement Group at the autumn term meeting. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
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RECOMMENDATION 3: INCREASE THE PACE OF IMPROVEMENT IN SCHOOLS CAUSING CONCERN

Outcomes (Success Criteria)	Action	Resources required	Completion dates	By whom?	How will we review activity?	Progress (Formal termly report to School Improvement Group)
3.1 School has a clear understanding of barriers that are impinging on progress 3.2 Local authority and Central South Consortium have a clear understanding of what barriers are impinging progress	Challenge advisers to work with schools to identify current barriers to improvement. Challenge advisers to consider previous progress and re-examine evidence collected. Senior challenge advisers and local authority school improvement officers to validate the barriers identified by the school.	Challenge advisers time Senior challenge adviser time Local authority officer time	October 2019	Senior responsible officer: Senior challenge adviser Main delivery partners: Challenge advisers Local authority officers Schools	Senior challenge adviser to monitor during one-to-one meetings with challenge advisers Progress reported at monthly Performance and Financial Monitoring Board meetings Progress shared at local authority progress review meetings with Central South Consortium Progress reported at School Improvement Group meetings	 Challenge advisers have worked with schools to refine support plans to focus on removing barriers to improvement Local authority and consortium officers have now established forums for information sharing to ensure they are now fully aware of any barriers to improvement. Senior challenge adviser to provide an update to autumn term's School Improvement Group meeting. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)

3.3 School improvement plans reflects actions identified to overcoming barriers 3.4 School has a clear focus on areas for improvement 3.5 Local authority statement of action reflects the refined areas for support 3.6 Local authority and Central South Consortium have a clear understanding of areas for improvement and timescales 3.7 School Improvement Group is fully briefed on refined plans (including clear expectations of what should be achieved and when)	Challenge advisers to work with schools to refine support plans to focus on areas requiring most attention. Challenge advisers to ensure that revised plans have SMART (ie specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound) targets that deliver on improvement priorities. Schools to share revised plans with key stakeholders including governing bodies. Governing bodies to attending key training including mandatory.	Challenge adviser time Senior challenge adviser time Local authority officer time	Timescale dependent on specific needs of the school	Senior responsible officer: Senior challenge adviser Main delivery partners: Challenge advisers Local authority officers Schools	Senior challenge adviser to monitor during one-to-one meetings with challenge advisers Progress reported at Performance and Financial Monitoring Board meetings Progress reported at School Improvement Group meetings Progress shared at local authority progress reviews with Central South Consortium	 Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) Challenge advisers have worked to refine school improvement plans. In the schools causing concern, the local authority and Central South Consortium are aware of the differing timescales for completion of action and anticipated outcomes. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
3.8 Schools make progress in areas identified 3.9 Local authority and Central South Consortium, via a wider use of evaluation, are	Challenge advisers to work with governing bodies (where necessary) to ensure they are holding the schools leadership team to account effectively. Senior challenge adviser to	Challenge adviser time Senior challenge adviser time Local authority officer time	Timescale dependent on specific needs of the school	Senior responsible officer: Senior challenge adviser Main delivery	Senior challenge adviser to monitor during one-to-one meetings with challenge advisers	 Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) It is too early to identify meaningful progress for this action. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19)

	share progress of schools		partners:		•
	at local authority level		a	Progress	Spring term 2020 (31/03/20)
	meetings.		Challenge	reported at	opinig term react (careacte,
3.10 A review of	Challange advisors and		advisers	Performance and Financial	•
	Challenge advisers and local authority officers to		Local authority	Monitoring	Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
	work with schools on		officers	Board	•
	delivering the actions in the		Oniccis	Doard	
	revised support plans.		Schools	Progress	
out of 'red' support	To thoo a capport plane.		00.100.0	reported at	
category via all-Wales			Central South	School	
moderation			Consortium	Improvement	
				Group meetings	
3.12 Estyn removes					
identified schools from				Progress	
statutory categories				shared at local	
				authority	
				progress reviews with	
				Central South	
				Consortium	
				Schools being	
				held to account	
				by reporting into	
				the Member	
				Schools	
				Engagement	
				Panel	

RECOMMENDATION 4: STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF THE WELSH EDUCATION STRATEGIC FORUM TO ENSURE TIMELY PROGRESS IN DELIVERING THE PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE WELSH IN EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN

Outcomes (Success Criteria)	Action	Resources required	Completion dates	By whom?	How will we review activity?	Progress (Formal termly report to School Improvement Group)
4.1 Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) Forum respond to Welsh Government consultation about next WESP cycle	Engagement and active contribution to the consultation on the new WESP Regulations 2019.	Time of forum members	September 2019	Senior responsible officer: Group Manager (school Improvement) Main delivery partners: Local authority officers WESP Forum members	Feedback at WESP Forum (July 2019) Local authority performance monitoring meetings with Central South Consortium Senior Management Team/Extended Management Team report cards will include progress against PIAP objectives Regular updates to 'Team Bridgend'	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) The WESP Forum met in July 2019 to discuss this issue. A formal response will be submitted to Welsh Government by 23 September 2019. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
4.2 Effective implementation of the WESP (2017-2020)	Establish WESP sub-group to lead on each priority of the WESP.	Senior leaders designated to each sub-group related to each of the priorities in the WESP	September 2019	Senior responsible officer: Group Manager (School	Designated leaders in place Report into WESP Forum	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) Consultation with WESP coordinators nationally have been undertaken.

				Improvement) Main delivery partners: Local authority officers WESP Forum members	performance monitoring meetings with Central South Consortium Report cards will include progress against PIAP objectives Regular updates to 'Team Bridgend'	 Sub-group/s will be -formed by the end of September 2019. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
4.3 Develop an interim implementation plan to support the transition to the new WESP September 2021	Sub-groups review/revise actions for their aspect of implementation plan.	Meeting time	End November 2019	Senior responsible officer: Group Manager (School Improvement) Main delivery partners: Leaders of each sub-group WESP Forum members	Each sub-group will present to the new WESP forum for review of outcomes Local authority performance monitoring meetings with Central South Consortium Report cards will include progress against PIAP Regular updates to 'Team Bridgend'	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) Revised implementation plan produced by the end of November 2019 (for delivery through to September 2021 when the new plan begins). Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
4.4 Production of a clear and effective 10-year WESP (September 2021- August 2031)	Consultation with Welsh Government. Sub-groups to inform each aspect of plan to meet Welsh Government targets.	Resources to be determined in line with Welsh Government targets (once confirmed)	January 2021	Senior responsible officer:	Review with WESP Forum and Welsh Government Local authority	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) A new 10-year plan will be submitted to Welsh Government by January 2021. Welsh Government indicates

	(School Improvement)	performance monitoring	plans should be approved by July 2021 ready for
	Main delivery	meetings with Central South	implementation from
	partners:	Consortium	September 2021. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19)
	WESP Forum	Report cards	•
	members	will include progress	Spring term 2020 (31/03/20)
	Sub-Group Leads	against post-	•
		inspection action	Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
			•
		Regular updates to	
		'Team Bridgend'	

IA1 OUTCOMES

SUB RECOMMENDATION A: IMPROVE INSPECTION OUTCOMES

Outcomes (Success Criteria)	Action	Resources required	Completion dates	By whom?	How will we review activity?	Progress (Formal termly report to School Improvement Group)
A1 Schools have a clear and validated understanding of what is working well and what needs improving (school improvement priorities are accurate and reflect outcomes from self-evaluation process)	Challenge advisers to work with school to validate and quality assure school improvement plans.	Challenge adviser time	October 2019	Senior responsible officer: Senior challenge adviser Main delivery partners: Challenge advisers Schools	Senior challenge adviser to monitor during one-to-one meetings with challenge advisers Progress shared at local authority progress reviews with Central South Consortium Reviewed by School Improvement Group and Cabinet	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) Challenge advisers have worked with schools, as part of their challenge and support sessions, to validate school improvement priorities. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
A2 School access the right support to meet their development and improvement needs	Challenge advisers to broker support for schools in areas that require development and improvement.	Challenge adviser time	November 2019	Senior responsible officer: Senior challenge	Senior challenge adviser to monitor during one-to-one	 Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) It is currently too early to identify meaningful progress for this action.

				adviser Main delivery partners: Challenge advisers Schools	meetings with challenge advisers Progress shared at local authority progress reviews with Central South Consortium	Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
A3 Schools have a clear understanding of what good and excellent looks like in differing contexts and settings	Schools to share effective practice at local authority and regional level	Team Bridgend Bridgend Festival of Learning Central South Consortium regional events (including via regional School Improvement Groups)	Throughout the academic year 2019-2020	Senior responsible officer: Senior challenge adviser Main delivery partners: Challenge advisers Local authority school improvement officers Headteachers	Senior challenge adviser to monitor during one-to-one meetings with challenge advisers Progress shared at local authority progress reviews with Central South Consortium Reviewed by School improvement Group and Cabinet	 Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) All schools have participated in 'Team Bridgend' events. Most schools have participated in the Festival of Learning. Nearly all schools are in involved in cross regional School Improvement Groups. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)

SUB RECOMMENDATION B: IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS

Outcomes (Success Criteria)	Action	Resources required	Completion dates	By whom?	How will we review activity?	Progress (Formal termly report to School Improvement Group)
B1 Removal of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) special measures and improved outcomes for young people	Implementation of Youth Justice Service (YJS) improvement plan in line with HMIP inspection recommendations		September 2020	Senior responsible officer: Group Manager (Integrated Working and Family Support) Main delivery partners: Bridgend Youth Justice Service Management Board Youth Justice Board	Bridgend Youth Justice Service Management Board monthly meetings Early Help and Safeguarding Board monthly meetings Education and Family Support Directorate Senior Management Team meetings Biannual update reports to Scrutiny and Cabinet	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) See Bridgend YJS action plan for specific updates. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)

RECOMMENDATION C: ENSURE DESTINATION DATA RELATING TO YEAR 11 LEAVERS IS CAPTURED AND MONITORED MORE EFFECTIVELY

Outcomes (Success Criteria)	Action	Resources required	Completion dates	By whom?	How will we review activity?	Progress (Formal termly report to School Improvement Group)
C1 Reduction of Year 11 school leavers with an unknown (Tier 1) status in the annual Careers Wales destination survey	Introduce a more effective tracking system with Careers Wales to earlier identify potential young people with unknown destinations	Lead Workers (Inspire 2 Achieve) Engagement and Transition Workers (Inspire 2 Work) Careers Wales Advisers	31 October 2019	Senior responsible officer: Group Manager (Integrated Working and Family Support) Main delivery partners: Youth Development Coordinator Early Help Locality Managers Careers Wales	Monthly snapshot via Careers Wales Data Hub Careers Wales destination survey	 Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) Through our Lead Youth Work Team, we have been supporting a large cohort of Year 11 pupils (259 in total) to identify and secure their preferred post-16 destination. Any young people that are identified as potentially NEET or have failed to secure a suitable destination upon leaving statutory education, are being supported by our Inspire 2 Work Team to address the barriers they have to engagement in readiness for September 2019. To date, we have 69 young people (of the 259 identified above) who's destination is not currently known to either ourselves, or Careers Wales. These are being actively engaged throughout the summer period to ensure that they secure a place in education, employment or training. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19)

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			Spring term 2020 (31/03/20)
			•
			Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
			•

RECOMMENDATION D: ENSURE MORE YOUNG PEOPLE IN NON-FORMAL SETTINGS ACHIEVE RECOGNISED ACCREDITATIONS

Outcomes (Success Criteria)	Action	Resources required	Completion dates	By whom?	How will we review activity?	Progress (Formal termly report to School Improvement Group)
D1 More young people in non-formal settings achieving a recognised accreditation	Increase opportunities for young people to access recognised accreditations in our non-formal settings. Youth service staff will receive training in September 2019 to deliver a range of entry level qualification based on the needs of young people within their respective settings. Develop a library of tutor packs and workbooks of the most popular Agored Cymru courses. This will allow staff to increase the range of accreditations they offer.	Lead Workers (Inspire 2 Achieve) Engagement and Transition workers (Inspire 2 Work) Training and Employment workers (Inspire 2 Work) Youth Mental Health Team Part-time youth work staff	End of each respective term	Senior responsible officer Group Manager (Integrated Working and Family Support) Main delivery partners: Youth Development Coordinator	Termly reports from Agored Cymru portal Annual Welsh Government Youth Service Audit	 Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) All new grant applications have a qualification performance indicator included to ensure that recognised qualifications form part of the work that all youth support staff deliver. In the 2018-2019 academic year, 109 young people achieved a recognised qualification, compared to 47 (2017-2018) and 40 (2016-2017) the previous years. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)

IA2 EDUCATION SERVICES

SUB RECOMMENDATION E: IMPROVE TEACHING IN 'SCHOOLS CAUSING CONCERN'

Outcomes (Success Criteria)	Action	Resources required	Completion dates	By whom?	How will we review activity?	Progress (Formal termly report to School Improvement Group)
E1 Areas where teaching needs improving are identified	As part of the work linked to Recommendation 1, challenge advisers will work with leaders and teachers to identify barriers to improvement.	Challenge adviser time Headteacher time	October 2019	Senior responsible officer: Senior challenge adviser Main delivery partners: Challenge advisers Headteachers	Senior challenge adviser to monitor during one-to-one meetings with challenge advisers	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) Challenge advisers have worked with school leaders to identify barriers to improvement. Senior challenge adviser to update School Improvement Group in autumn term 2019. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
E2 Bespoke support offered to meet the development needs of teachers and support staff	Challenge advisers to work with school leaders to broker the correct support to meet the needs of individual teachers. Challenge advisers to work	Challenge adviser time Headteacher time Central South Consortium	April 2020	Senior responsible officer:	Progress reported at Performance and Financial Monitoring Board	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) Challenge advisers will support schools to ensure that their needs are met, and the correct resources are

	with school to ensure that performance management cycle reflects the schools priorities. Challenge advisers to work with governing bodies to ensure they understand the schools priorities for developing teaching.	Professional Learning Offer Central South Consortium Resource Board		adviser Main delivery partners: Challenge advisers Headteachers	Progress reported at School Improvement Group meetings Progress shared at local authority progress reviews with Central South Consortium	brokered in a timely manner. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20) •
E3 Quality of teaching in nearly all schools causing concern is at least good or better	Challenge advisers to validate of monitoring cycles clearly shows improvements in teaching and assessment in school.	Challenge adviser time	July 2020	Senior responsible officer: Senior challenge adviser Main delivery partners: Challenge advisers Headteachers	Senior challenge adviser to monitor during one-to-one meetings with challenge advisers Progress reported at Performance and Financial Monitoring Board Progress reported at School Improvement Group meetings Progress shared at local authority progress reviews with Central South	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) It is too early to identify meaningful progress for this action. Senior challenge adviser to update School Improvement Group in autumn term. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)

	Consortium	

RECOMMENDATION F: IMPROVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT EVALUATIONS (FOCUS ON STANDARDS LEARNERS ACHIEVE RATHER THAN JUST DATA)

Outcomes (Success Criteria)	Action	Resources required	Completion dates	By whom?	How will we review activity?	Progress (Formal termly report to School Improvement Group)
F1 Challenge advisers and senior challenge advisers have a clearer picture of the quality of evaluations with a particular focus on ranges of foci being used	Review the structure and quality of Evaluation for Improvement (EFIs)	Challenge adviser time Senior challenge adviser time	September 2019	Senior responsible officer: Senior challenge adviser Main delivery partners: Challenge advisers Headteachers	Senior challenge adviser to monitor during one-to-one meetings with challenge advisers	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) Challenge adviser will consider a wider range of evidence when completing EFIs. Senior challenge adviser to update School Improvement Group in autumn term. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
F2 Challenge advisers are fully aware of the wide range of evidence that is to be considered when making judgements about standards that learners achieve	Challenge adviser professional learning training programme for 2019-2020 to share refined approaches to capturing and referencing evidence from a wider range of sources.	Challenge adviser time Senior challenge adviser time	September 2019	Senior responsible officer: Senior challenge adviser Main delivery partners:	Senior challenge adviser to monitor during one-to-one meetings with challenge advisers	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) • The challenge adviser professional learning programme for 2019-2020 has additional sessions to support development. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19)

				Challenge advisers Headteachers		• Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) • Summer term 2020 (31/07/20) •
F3 All challenge advisers use a wide range of evidence to make judgements about the standards learners achieve	Senior challenge adviser to monitor, through dip sampling, the quality of EFIs to ensure that when making judgments about the standard of pupil work a wider range of evidence is considered	Challenge adviser time Senior challenge adviser time	February 2020	Senior responsible officer: Senior challenge adviser Main delivery partners: Challenge advisers, headteachers	Progress shared at local authority progress reviews with Central South Consortium	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) It is too early to identify meaningful progress for this action. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)

SUB RECOMMENDATION G: IMPROVE DATA TRACKING SYSTEMS

Outcomes (Success Criteria)	Action	Resources required	Completion dates	By whom?	How will we review activity?	Progress (Formal termly report to School Improvement Group)
G1 Consistent pupil tracking in place across all schools	Schools ICT Strategy Group to support the roll- out of a pupil tracking system for schools	SIMS Team	December 2019	Senior responsible officer: Group Manager (Business Strategy and Performance) Main delivery partners: Local authority IT officers ICT Schools Strategy Group	Via ICT Schools Strategy Group	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) A business case is being developed for investment in a better ICT system. A scoping meeting has been arranged for September. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
G2 Development of a business case for replacement MIS	Organise one day consultancy workshop	Consultant (provided via Capita)	September 2019	Senior responsible officer: Group Manager (Business Strategy and Performance)	Via ICT Schools Strategy Group Senior Management Team monthly report cards	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) • A business case is being developed for investment in a better system. A scoping meeting has been arranged for September.

			Main delivery partners: Local authority IT officers ICT Schools Strategy Group		Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
Develop a business case for the delivery of a replacement MIS	Consultant (provided via Capita)	October 2019	Senior responsible officer: Group Manager (Business Strategy and Performance) Main delivery partners: Local authority IT officers ICT Schools Strategy Group	Via ICT Schools Strategy Group Senior Management Team monthly report cards	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) A business case is being developed for investment in a better system. A scoping meeting has been arranged for September. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)

RECOMMENDATION H: IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF MORE ABLE AND TALENTED LEARNERS

Outcomes (Success Criteria)	Action	Resources required	Completion dates	By whom?	How will we review activity?	Progress (Formal termly report to School Improvement Group)
H1 Improved standards at end of each phase of education for the higher levels of performance	Communicate and implement the national More Able and Talented (MAT) Strategy through cluster dissemination model.	Existing resources NACE materials	First Seren Foundation Plan completed by March 2020	Senior responsible officer: Senior challenge adviser Main delivery partners: Challenge advisers Local authority school improvement officers 'Team Bridgend', local authority Seren/MAT lead Central South Consortium MAT Lead	Through monitoring of progress reports	 We have been unable to successfully recruit a secondee to lead on this area of work. Candidates from two schools had their agreed release over-turned. The second meeting of the reconstituted MAT Co-ordinators Group has been held and a set of actions and plans for Seren Foundation for 2019-2020 academic year have been agreed. The plan will be submitted to Welsh Government by start of new academic year. A number of the highest performing key stage 3 pupils from each of the- secondary schools in BCBC attended the Seren Foundation launch at the Senedd on 2 and 3 July 2019. Key speakers for the Seren Academy launch on 16 October 2019 have been confirmed. The venue will be the Sony Theatre in Bridgend

			 College. Most schools have applied for a MAT grant from Central South Consortium to be used within the context of cluster/Team Bridgend work. Plans to be developed by 31 December 2019.
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RECOMMENDATION I: ENSURE SERVICES FOR LEARNERS WITH EMOTIONAL, SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOURAL DIFFICULTIES ARE EVALUATED MORE EFFECTIVELY

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Outcomes (Success Criteria)	Action	Resources required	Completion dates	By whom?	How will we review activity?	Progress (Formal termly report to School Improvement Group)
I1 Robust and regular evaluation of the service provided for children with emotional, social and behavioural difficulties (ESBD) is in place	Review of all additional learning needs (ALN) provision across the local authority to ensure appropriate services/support for pupils with ESBD is in place to meet the needs of learners. Ensure new team leader is in place for ESBD/Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Team.	Officer time	December 2019	Senior responsible officer: Group Manager (Inclusion and School Improvement) Main delivery partners: ASD Lead Speech and Language Team (SALT) ESBD Team	Team meetings Project Board for review of ALN provision One-to-one meetings Monthly report cards to Senior Management Team Self-evaluation	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) A team leader was appointed in April 2019 and is a member of the Extended Management Team of the Education and Family Support Directorate. A project initiation document (PID) has been written in order to review ALN provision across the local authority. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)

RECOMMENDATION J: IMPROVE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROGRESS MADE BY YOUNG CARERS

Outcomes (Success Criteria)	Action	Resources required	Completion dates	By whom?	How will we review activity?	Progress (Formal termly report to School Improvement Group)
J1 Improved understanding of progress of young carers	Identify suitable tracking system	New management of information system (MIS)	September 2019 and ongoing	Senior responsible officer: Group Manager (Business Strategy and Performance) Main delivery partners: Knowledge Management Team Vulnerable Groups Team	Young carers steering group Education and Family Support Directorate Senior and Extended Management Team	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) A business case is being developed for investment in a better system. There is a scoping meeting arranged for September. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)

IA3 LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

SUB RECOMMENDATION K: ENSURE CLOSER FOCUS ON INCREMENTAL MEASURES (RATHER THAN JUST HEADLINE FIGURES)

Outcomes (Success Criteria)	Action	Resources required	Completion dates	By whom?	How will we review activity?	Progress (Formal termly report to School Improvement Group)
K1 Greater understanding of progress against targets	Ensure business planning meetings are in place to monitor slippage against targets in business plan	Existing resources	July 2019	Senior responsible officer: Group Manager (Business Strategy and Performance) Main delivery partners: Senior	Senior management Team meetings Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA) Performance Management System (PMS)	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) • Meetings have been arranged for the autumn term. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) • Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) • Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)
				Management Team		

RECOMMENDATION L: ENSURE REPORTS TO ELECTED MEMBERS IDENTIFY KEY IMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM INFORMATION

Outcomes (Success Criteria)	Action	Resources required	Completion dates	By whom?	How will we review activity?	Progress (Formal termly report to School Improvement Group)
L1 Elected members receive qualitative information that highlights any significant implications of that information	Senior Management Team to develop working practices to ensure reports adequate reflect significant implications.	Senior Management Team time	December 2019	Senior responsible officer: Group Manager (Business Strategy and Performance) Main delivery partners: Senior Management Team	School Improvement Group	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) A training session has been arranged for September when the senior challenge adviser will train all elected members on new performance measures and the interrogation of data. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)

RECOMMENDATION M: MONITOR IMPACT OF TRAINING ACROSS SERVICES

Outcomes (Success Criteria)	Action	Resources required	Completion dates	By whom?	How will we review activity?	Progress (Formal termly report to School Improvement Group)
M1 A better understanding of the impact of training across services	All training that is undertaken is evaluated	Local authority officer time	March 2020	Senior responsible officer: Group Manager (Business Strategy and Performance) Main delivery partners: Senior Management Team Extended Management Team Human Resources (Learning and Development)	Monthly reports to Senior Management Team	 Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) A training needs analysis has been developed for the Education and Family Support Directorate. Group Manager Inclusion and School Improvement has instigated a training analysis for each area of the service with the newly appointed leads. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)

RECOMMENDATION N: IMPROVE FINANCIAL PLANNING AND DELIVERY OF SAVINGS

Outcomes (Success Criteria)	Action	Resources required	Completion dates	By whom?	How will we review activity?	Progress (Formal termly report to School Improvement Group)
N1 Improvements in financial planning and delivery of savings	Raise awareness and engage Extended Management Team with financial planning and savings proposals	Staff time	March 2020	Senior responsible officer: Head of Education and Early Help Main delivery partners: Senior Management Team Extended Management Team	Review of activity by Budget Review and Evaluation Panel (BREP) Report to Cabinet and Council	Summer term 2019 (31/07/19) Group Managers from the Education and Family Support Directorate Senior Management Team attended a medium-term financial strategy (MTFS) workshop in the Council Chambers in May. Autumn term 2019 (31/12/19) Spring term 2020 (31/03/20) Summer term 2020 (31/07/20)

BCBC Education Services Post-Inspection Action Plan Termly Progress Report Card

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Glossary

Abbreviation	Term
ALN	Additional learning needs
Alps	Alps is a commercial data tracking system
ASD	Autistic spectrum disorder
BASH	Bridgend Association of Secondary Headteachers
BREP	Budget Review and Evaluation Panel
CA	Challenge adviser
СРА	Corporate performance assessment
CSC	Central South Consortium
EFI	Evaluation For Improvement
EMT	Extended Management Team
ESBD	Emotional, social and behavioural difficulties
FLG	Formal Learning Group
HMIP	Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation
HT	Headteacher
LA	Local authority
LALI	Local authority lead inspector
MAT	More able and talented
MIS	Management information system
NACE	National Association of Able Children in Education
P&FM	Performance and Financial Monitoring (Board)

PIAP	Post-inspection action plan
PLO	Professional learning offer
PMS	Performance management system
SALT	Speech And Language Team
SCA	Senior challenge adviser
SIG	School Improvement Group
SIMS	Schools information management system
SMT	Senior Management Team
WESP	Welsh in Education Strategic Plan
YJS	Youth Justice Service