

SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1 - FRIDAY, 23 AUGUST 2019

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON
FRIDAY, 23 AUGUST 2019 AT 13:00**

Present

Councillor CA Webster – Chairperson

JPD Blundell
AJ Williams

RJ Collins

M Jones

RME Stirman

Apologies for Absence

TH Beedle, NA Burnett, PA Davies, J Gebbie, B Sedgebeer, LM Walters, KJ Watts and A Williams,

Officers:

Mark Galvin	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Lindsay Harvey	Corporate Director Education and Family Support
Michelle Hatcher	Group Manager - Inclusion
Andrew Rees	Democratic Services Manager
Andrew Williams	Assistant Managing Director Central South Consortium

Invitees:

Councillor Charles Smith

Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration

76. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made:-

Councillor R Stirman personal interest in Agenda Item 3. as a Community Governor at Tynyrheol School, Llangeinor

Councillor JP Blundell personal interest in Agenda Item 3. as a Community Governor at Cefn Glas Infants School, Bridgend CBC

Councillor AJ Williams personal interest in Agenda Item 3. as a Parent Governor at Coety Primary School, as well as having a son in Brynteg School

Councillor CA Webster personal interest in Agenda Item 3. as she has a child in Brynteg School.

77. POST-INSPECTION ACTION PLAN

The Corporate Director – Education and Family Support submitted a report, the purpose of which was 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 BCBC's local government education services.

By way of background information, he advised that the education services were inspected by Estyn in March 2019. He confirmed that through the inspection process, Estyn identified four recommendations for the Local Authority to respond to, and these were outlined in paragraph 3.2 of the report.

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The Corporate Director – Education and Family Support that the Local Authority were required to submit a post-inspection action plan (PIAP) to Estyn by 31 August 2019, which would seek to address the four main recommendations and also take account of shortcomings identified through the inspection process.

The Inspection Report had been closely considered by both the Local Authority and Central South Consortium (CSC), from which the PIAP had been developed and this was shown at Appendix A to the report.

The Corporate Director – Education and Family Support confirmed to Members, that the PIAP detailed BCBC's proposals to not only the four main recommendations raised by Estyn, but also the Local Authority's plans to improve the areas for development in the report. These were regarded as a suite of 'sub-recommendations'.

He also pointed out to Committee, that limited progress had been made against the majority of outcome measures in the PIAP Termly Progress Card. This was in the main due to the fact, that the Inspection Report was published on 31 May 2019 and the school term ended 7 weeks later. Therefore, swifter progress had been not possible, due to the 6 week school summer holiday period. Progress would now accelerate the Corporate Director – Education and Family Support advised, by the autumn term.

He concluded his submission, by confirming that Officers would arrange for formal termly reports with regard to progress against the PIAP objectives to the School Improvement Group.

The Chairperson stated that it would be beneficial if some of the information shared with and findings from the School Improvement could also be presented to Members, at the end of school terms.

The Corporate Director – Education and Family Support confirmed that in principal this could be considered.

He added that one of the aims of the Post Inspection Action Plan, was to link-in closely with the Overview and Scrutiny process on this, as well as to prepare in the future more succinct reports (to Committee (s)).

The Chairperson felt that this post-Inspection report was a good report and very positive overall, therefore it was important she considered for it to be shared with the likes of children, parents, carers, teachers and any appropriate wider audience.

Conclusion:

The Committee was pleased to note the proposals contained within the Post-Inspection Action Plan in respect of the four main recommendations and the plans to improve the areas for development.

The Committee requested that in addition to Officers providing termly reports in relation to progress against the Post-Inspection Action Plan objectives to the School Improvement Group, it also receives reports on those outcomes at the end of each term to ensure the recommendations are being achieved.

78. FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS

The Head of Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report, the purpose of which, was to present feedback from the previous meeting of the Subject Overview and

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Scrutiny Committee 1 for discussion, approval and actioning, and to place these in RAG status order in terms of the completion of any follow-up action, as follows:-

Red – Where there has been no response.

Amber – Where Members consider the recommendation/comment requires follow-up action, for example where a recommendation has been accepted but there would be a need for follow-up to see if it has been implemented.

Green – Where Members consider a suitable response has been provided and no follow-up action is required.

The Chairperson then referred to Appendix A of the report, which detailed the feedback and responses to the Committees comments and conclusions, recommended by Members at the previous meeting and asked for these to be given a RAG status, under the formula detailed above.

The Committee considered the feedback and the responses of officers' and allocated RAG status as follows, to the work areas so stated:

Recommended:

Governor Training – Content of e-learning modules to be investigated by the Corporate Director Education and Family Support with the Central South Consortium – **Amber**

Governor Training – Development of online training using the HWB – **Amber**

Extension of future staff surveys to include school staff - **Red**

Presentation to Council on the Youth Mental Health First Aid Programme – **Red**

Meeting of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee arranged to consider the Estyn Post Inspection Action Plan – **Green**

Table of information showing pupils having Special Educational Needs – **Green**

The meeting closed at 13:30