

**2024-25 Forward Work Programme**  
**Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1**

**18 July 2024 at 11.00am**

<b>Report Topic</b>	<b>Information Required / Committee's Role</b>	<b>Invitees</b>
Home-to-School/College Transport Policy	Outcome of the HTST policy public consultation. To include aspects relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Safe routes to schools</li><li>• Implications of revised LDP</li><li>• School catchment areas</li><li>• Pupils' admission numbers</li><li>• New school builds</li></ul>	<b><u>Cabinet Members</u></b> Cabinet Member for Education and Youth Services.  <b><u>Officers</u></b> Corporate Director for Education, Early Years and Young People. Head of Education and Family Support Group Manager (Strategy, Performance and Support)  <b><u>Headteacher Nominees</u></b> Headteacher Maesteg Comprehensive Headteacher Nottage Primary

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 11.00am –**

<b>Report Topics</b>	<b>Information Required / Committee's Role</b>	<b>Invitees</b>
Education, Early Years and Young People Directorate Strategic Plan 2023-26 Update	To include update on ALN and Budget implications from 2024-25	<b><u>Cabinet Members</u></b> Cabinet Member for Education and Youth Services.  <b><u>Officers</u></b> Corporate Director for Education, Early Years and Young People.  <b><u>Headteacher Nominees</u></b> Headteacher Brackla Primary School and Chair of Primary Federation Headteacher Pil Primary School Headteacher Brynteg Comprehensive

**APPENDIX A****Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 11.00am**

<b>Report Topics</b>	<b>Information Required / Committee's Role</b>	<b>Invitees</b>
Pupil Attendance	To include the consistent themes / concerns regarding pupil non-attendance in schools and the support in place.	<p><b><u>Cabinet Members</u></b> Cabinet Member for Education and Youth Services.</p> <p><b><u>Officers</u></b> Corporate Director for Education, Early Years and Young People. Head of Education and Family Support Group Manager, Early Years and Young People Interim Manager of Education Engagement Team Group Manager, Learner Support</p> <p><b><u>Central South Consortium</u></b> Principal Improvement Manager</p> <p><b><u>Headteacher Nominees</u></b> Headteacher Coety Primary School Assistant Headteacher Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd</p>

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 11.00am**

<b>Report Topics</b>	<b>Information Required / Committee's Role</b>	<b>Invitees</b>
<p>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025-26 to 2028-29</p> <p>And</p> <p>Draft Terms of Reference for School Improvement Research Evaluation Panel</p>	Pre Decision	<p><b><u>Cabinet Members</u></b> Leader of Council Deputy Leader of Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Wellbeing Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance Cabinet Member for Education and Youth Services</p> <p><b><u>Officers</u></b> Chief Executive Chief Officer, Legal &amp; Regulatory Services, HR &amp; Corporate Policy Chief Officer, Finance, Housing &amp; Change Corporate Director for Education, Early Years and Young People.</p> <p><b><u>Headteacher Nominees</u></b> Chair and Vice Chair of the Schools Budget Forum</p>

## APPENDIX A

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025 at 11.00am –		
Report Topics	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Future School Improvement Arrangements	Pre-Decision	<b><u>Cabinet Members</u></b> Cabinet Member for Education and Youth Services.  <b><u>Officers</u></b> Corporate Director for Education, Early Years and Young People.  <b><u>Headteacher Nominees – TBA</u></b>

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 11.00am		
Report Topics	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Behaviour, Exclusions and Attendance (update)	Committee requested the following invitees be invited: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Secondary school headteachers</li><li>- Invitation be sent to Ysgol Bryn Castell</li><li>- Health Board</li><li>- Youth Council</li></ul> <p>A member within the Additional Learning Needs (ALN) provision team that specifically deals with and supports children with behavioural difficulty.</p>	<b><u>Cabinet Members</u></b> Cabinet Member for Education and Youth Services.  <b><u>Officers</u></b> Corporate Director for Education, Early Years and Young People.  <b><u>CSC</u></b>  <b><u>Headteacher Nominees - TBA</u></b>  <b><u>External</u></b> Health Board Youth Council

### **Members briefing sessions.**

- New Estyn Inspection Framework / Local Government Education Services (LGES)
- Reporting of learner and pupil attainment outcomes - Session to be held to update Members on recommencing of reporting exam results.
- School Safeguarding Audits – Summary
- Update on Effective School Governing Bodies – Support and funding. Invitation to be extended to Governors Association.

**Information reports to be provided.**

- English Language School's catchment areas / capacity
- Appointment of Local Education Authority (LEA) governors – Policy and rules - Criteria and procedure for the appointment and removal of local authority school governors'
- Corporate performance

**Potential Items to be scheduled.**

- ALN Provision and Implementation Update
- Review of school improvement services
- Review of post inspection plan
- School mergers
- School Modernisation update
- Nursery Provision
- Safeguarding
- Mental health and wellbeing support for learners
  - to include a holistic focus on the mental health and wellbeing support provided to learners to assist them to attend education.
  - to include information regarding any support regarding any support available from Social Services, General Practitioners, the Health Board and third sector.

**Proposed Panel**

- School Improvement Research and Evaluation Panel (REP)

**Referred from COSC as potential items**

- The Committee expressed concern regarding the significant projected overspend in learner support and additional learning needs and the costs of providing the related statutory home to school transport. The Committee **recommended** that the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 request a report to explore whether alternative models of delivering these services could contribute to cost savings.