

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

18 July 2024 at 11.00am		
Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Home-to-School/College Transport Policy	Outcome of the HTST policy public consultation. To include aspects relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safe routes to schools• Implications of revised LDP• School catchment areas• Pupils' admission numbers• New school builds	<u>Cabinet Members</u> Cabinet Member for Education and Youth Services. <u>Officers</u> Corporate Director for Education, Early Years and Young People. Head of Education and Family Support Group Manager (Strategy, Performance and Support) <u>Headteacher Nominees</u> Headteacher Maesteg Comprehensive Headteacher Nottage Primary

Monday 16 th September 2024 at 11.00am –		
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Education, Early Years and Young People Directorate Strategic Plan 2023-26 Update	To include update on ALN and Budget implications from 2024-25	<u>Cabinet Members</u> Cabinet Member for Education and Youth Services. <u>Officers</u> Corporate Director for Education, Early Years and Young People. <u>Headteacher Nominees</u> Headteacher Brackla Primary School and Chair of Primary Federation Headteacher Pil Primary School Headteacher Brynteg Comprehensive

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Monday 18 th November 2024 at 11.00am		
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Pupil Attendance	To include the consistent themes / concerns regarding pupil non-attendance in schools and the support in place.	<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Cabinet Member for Education and Youth Services.</p> <p><u>Officers</u> 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><u>Central South Consortium</u> Principal Improvement Manager</p> <p><u>Headteacher Nominees</u> Headteacher Coety Primary School Assistant Headteacher Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd</p>

Thursday 16 th January 2025 at 11.00am		
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<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><u>Cabinet Members</u> 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><u>Officers</u> Chief Executive Chief Officer, Legal & Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy Chief Officer, Finance, Housing & Change Corporate Director for Education, Early Years and Young People.</p> <p><u>Headteacher Nominees</u> Chair and Vice Chair of the Schools Budget Forum</p>

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Monday 31st March 2025 at 11.00am		
Report Topics	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
School Modernisation		<u>Cabinet Members</u> Cabinet Member for Education and Youth Services. <u>Officers</u> Corporate Director for Education, Early Years and Young People. <u>Headteacher Nominees</u> Headteacher of Pencoed Primary School Headteacher of Ysgol Y Ferch O'r Sger

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

Potential Items to be scheduled.

- ALN Provision and Implementation Update
- Review of school improvement services
- Review of post inspection plan
- School mergers
- Nursery Provision
- Safeguarding
- Future School Improvement Arrangements (SOSC 16 January 2025)
 - to be scheduled in early 2026 following Cabinet approval 4 February 2025 to monitor how it has been embedded into the system after 12 months.
- Mental health and wellbeing support for learners (SOSC 1 18 November 2024)
 - 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.

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.
- Future School Improvements - Member Development Briefing

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

Research and Evaluation Panel

- School Improvement Research and Evaluation Panel (REP)

Referred from COSC as Potential Items

1. COSC 24 October 2024:

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.

2. COSC 28 January 2025:

The Committee discussed legacy issues from the pandemic impacting on pupil behaviour leading to an increase in exclusions and the significant increase in demand for ALN provision, expressed concern that the increase in demand may not be solely due to pandemic and asked whether further work was necessary to fully understand all of the reasons driving the increase in demand and overspend in ALN services.

The Committee were advised that educational specialists in Welsh Government were undertaking a detailed piece of work looking at the reasons for the additional demand and **requested** that the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 consider requesting a report detailing the outcome of the exercise referred to above, when available, or to include it in the report on Behaviour scheduled to that Committee, as appropriate.

3. COSC 17 March 2025:

The Committee expressed concern that the PI target of 100% relating to the roll-out of individual development plans (IDPs) delivered using the online IDP system had not been achieved (0%) and **requested** that SOSC 1 consider requesting a report to monitor the situation.'

4. COSC 17 March 2025:

The Committee explored the possible link between pupil behaviour and permanent exclusions, and support for pupils with additional learning needs and the waiting lists for specialist provision.

The Committee therefore **requested** that the scope of the report regarding Pupil Behaviour scheduled to SOSC 1 on 8 May 2025 include a summary of the draft 5 year plan developed to address the demand on support services, specialist provision and schools.