

Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1**RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING ACTION SHEET 2024-2025**

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Outcome	Response
16 January 2025	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025-26 to 2028-29	Members requested more information on what other local authorities were doing to set a balanced budget which Officers advised once they had the wider Wales view they would be content to share with The Committee.	Corporate Director - Education, Early Years and Young People	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided. Chased.	
16 January 2025	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025-26 to 2028-29	<p>Members discussed the implications of Legal Services for schools expressing Their concerns with more complex Casework involving behaviour, Attendance, health and safety legislation.</p> <p>Headteachers advised they have external arrangements with legal services who are knowledgeable and are able to turn things around in a timely manner to support schools.</p> <p>Headteachers stated that the conflict came where the Local Authorities' legal team may not agree with the external legal advice which could be a challenge for the schools. The Committee requested that this is investigated further as to whether the external legal</p>	Corporate Director - Education, Early Years and Young People	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided. Chased.	

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		support was sustainable, manageable, affordable and whether the support was sufficient for today's demands on schools.			
16 January 2025	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025-26 to 2028-29	The Committee requested more Information with regards to the Welsh Governments revenue support grant and Other grants that might be forthcoming.	Corporate Director - Education, Early Years and Young People	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided. Chased.	
31 March 2025	School Modernisation	<p>The Committee acknowledged the need to be mindful of if its own role in monitoring, managing and mitigating school modernisation projects on behalf of the local authority, so that projects are delivered on time and on budget and requested that a strategic and forward-looking report be submitted for consideration by Members at a future meeting, that would include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An audit of the condition of all schools in Bridgend County. ▪ An analysis of the lessons learned from the school modernisation projects that have happened or in the process of being planned and built, including the impact of wider political and economic forces. The report 	Scrutiny / Chair SOSC 1/ Corporate Director - Education, Early Years and Young People	Scrutiny to action with Chair of SOSC 1 in Forward Work Planning meeting with Corporate Director - Education Early Years and Young People.	

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		<p>would need to consider such issues as the role and value of price caps; risk management and mitigation, including the impact of ecological ones on project timing and costs; procurement; land acquisition; the impact of design changes to projects; and project management and oversight, especially in terms of the contribution made by Cabinet and the Corporate Management Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The future demography of the County Borough, and the impact of new and proposed housing developments, and the potential knock-on impact on school catchment areas and pupil numbers.▪ The future of school modernisation and project finance in Wales.			
31 March 2025	School Modernisation	The Committee recommended that given the significant challenges of the population growth in the County in line with the new developments within the Local Development Plan and that Bridgend is a strategic growth	Corporate Director - Education, Early Years and Young People	Recommendations circulated requesting response	

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		area equidistant between Cardiff and Swansea, there is a need to address issues of future school development with the Welsh Government , in particular in the first instance, issues about flexibility in planning for prospective pupil numbers, and the future of Welsh Government programmes and finance for school modernisation need to be raised and discussed.			
31 March 2025	Forward Work Programme Update	<p>The Committee requested that the following be included in the scope of the report on Pupil Behaviour, Exclusions and Attendance to be considered by Members at the meeting 8 May:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An update on Keeping Learners Safe including, if appropriate, any update on the proposed working group set up by the Cabinet Member regarding Pupil safety (conclusions, if any at this stage, or some clarity about the membership and workings).• The impact of the waiting list for specialist provision on challenging behaviour and exclusions at mainstream schools.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director - Education, Early Years and Young People	Actioned: Scrutiny included in the report request for report to meeting on 8 May 2025	Report provided to SOSC 1 meeting on 8 May 2025

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31 March 2025	Forward Work Programme Update	<p>The Committee requested that the following be included in the scope of a report to be considered by Members at a meeting early in 2025/26 Forward Work Programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual Development Plans.• Additional Learning Needs.• Specialist Provision	Scrutiny / Chair SOSC 1/ Corporate Director - Education, Early Years and Young People	Scrutiny to action with Chair of SOSC 1 in Forward Work Planning meeting with Corporate Director - Education Early Years and Young People.	
31 March 2025	Forward Work Programme Update	<p>The Committee requested that plans for the submission of the following reports and member briefings be agreed and presented in a future iteration of the FWP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School improvement plans – Meeting at the start of 2026.• School performance - Estyn reports – Member Briefing – To include school-level detail.• School deficits –in the form of a report to the committee or a Member Briefing.	Scrutiny / Chair SOSC 1/ Corporate Director - Education, Early Years and Young People	Scrutiny to action with Chair of SOSC 1 in Forward Work Planning meeting with Corporate Director - Education Early Years and Young People.	