

EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (FORMERLY SUBJECT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1) - THURSDAY, 3 JULY 2025

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (FORMERLY SUBJECT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1) HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON THURSDAY, 3 JULY 2025 AT 11:00

Present

Councillor H Griffiths – Chairperson

JPD Blundell

HJ David

A Ulberini-Williams

E D Winstanley

Present Virtually

RJ Collins
A Wathan

R J Smith
AJ Williams

I M Spiller

T Thomas

Apologies for Absence

Councillors: M Jones, P Ford and J Llewellyn-Hopkins
A Clarke, Registered Representative

Invitees:

Councillor Hywel Williams

Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance

Lindsay Harvey

Corporate Director - Education, Early Years & Young People

Mark Lewis
Kevin Reeves
Owen Shepherd
Catherine Evans
Deborah Jones

Group Manager - Integrated Working
Operational Manager - Youth Justice Service
Youth Development Co-ordinator
Operational Manager - Youth Justice Service
Trauma Lead Practitioner/Project Co-ordinator

Youth Council Representative:

Deputy Youth Mayor

Officers:

Stephen Griffiths
Jessica Mclellan

Interim Scrutiny Officer
Scrutiny Officer

Declarations of Interest

H Griffiths – Personal – Chair of Governors at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen.

H David – Personal - some of the references in the report touch on decisions made during his time as Leader.

J-P Blundell – Personal – some of the references in the report touch on decisions made during his time as Cabinet Member.

76. Approval of Minutes

Decision Made	That the minutes of the meeting of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 dated 8 May 2025 be approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	3 July 2025

77. Bridgend Youth Justice Service and Bridgend Youth Support Service

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>Following consideration of the report and detailed discussions with a Cabinet Member and Senior Officers, the Committee made the following recommendations:</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Members expressed concern regarding the significant pressure on Youth work and Youth Justice being dependent on Grant Funding and the Committee recommended that the Leader / appropriate Cabinet Member contact the three Members of Parliament who represent the constituencies across Bridgend County Borough, to clarify the stage of the funding bid made to the Youth Endowment Fund.2. The Committee recommended that future reports include case studies demonstrating the voice and experience of young people, to provide feedback regarding how the services available have assisted them and provide any views or suggestions about potential alternative approaches to promoting and raising awareness of the services offered.
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	<p>3. The Committee recommended that whilst acknowledging it would be far from straightforward, there was a need for joined up multi agency working to ensure complete data sets to capture information from all young people that have contact with Police and other agencies, to optimise service delivery to the young person.</p> <p>4. The Committee recommended that future reports relating to Bridgend Youth Service and Youth Justice Service include the Third sector as part of provision in Bridgend, explore the financial support provided to the Third sector and that a Third sector representative be invited for such reports.</p> <p>Additional Information requested:</p> <p>The Committee requested that the following be circulated to Members of the Committee:</p> <p>5. The Committee was reassured that there is significant oversight and evaluation of the service underpinned by the Three-Year Strategic Plan but expressed there was a lack of data provided in the report demonstrating how progress was being measured and requested the quarterly performance and analysis data presented to the Youth Justice Service Management Board.</p> <p>6. The Committee requested an anonymised breakdown of the types of incidents that young people who become known to the Service have been involved in, to gain an understanding of the predicaments young people are facing.</p>
Date Decision Made	3 July 2025

78. Corporate Parenting Champion Nomination

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>That Councillor Elaine Winstanley be nominated to represent the Education and Youth Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee as an Invitee to meetings of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting.</p>
Date Decision Made	3 July 2025

79. Forward Work Programme Update

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>The Committee approved the Forward Work Programme (FWP) in Appendix A subject to the following amendment, noted the Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet to track responses to the Committees' Recommendations made at previous meetings in Appendix B and noted that the FWP approved by the Committee would be reported to the next meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information.</p> <p>The Corporate Director - Education, Early Years & Young People requested rearrangement of the scheduling order of some reports in the Forward Work Programme, subject to discussion with the Chairperson and Officers.</p>
Date Decision Made	3 July 2025

80. Urgent Items

Decision Made	None
Date Decision Made	3 July 2025

To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#).

The meeting closed at 13:14.