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CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING ACTION SHEET 2024-25

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Outcome	Response
9 September 2024	Director of Social Services Annual Report 2023/24	The Committee requested that the Recovery Plan considered by the Social Services Improvement Board be circulated to Members of the Committee.	Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing/ Scrutiny.	Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 22 August 2025	Complete
24 October 2024	Budget Monitoring 2024-25 - Quarter 2 Revenue Forecast	The Committee expressed concern regarding the risk that next year, many schools could have deficit budgets of over 5% which require a deficit recovery plan, as schools' budgets are being based on this year's figures and not taking account of further indicative budget reduction proposals for 2025-26. The Committee therefore recommended that future reports relating to the budget include projected deficit figures for schools accordingly.	Chief Officer – Finance, Performance and Change / Corporate Director - Education, Early Years and Young People	ACTIONED: Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 2 September 2025	Follow link here
24 October 2024	Budget Monitoring 2024-25 - Quarter 2 Revenue Forecast	The Committee recommended that the next quarterly report include details of the actions taken by Cabinet and the Corporate Management Board, to find the full required savings in respect of non-	Corporate Management Board	ACTIONED: Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 2 September 2025	Follow link here

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		essential recruitment and expenditure.			
24 October 2024	Budget Monitoring 2024-25 - Quarter 2 Revenue Forecast	The Committee requested additional information on the funding arrangements with, and the steps being undertaken to ensure fair contributions from, partner organisations, including the Health Board, for the provision of residential placements and the delivery of social care.	Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing	ACTIONED: Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 2 September 2025	Follow link here
15 Jan 2025	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-25 to 2027-28	The Committee recommended that a letter be sent on behalf of the Committee to Welsh Government and the UK Government regarding the following: a. expressing that national policy commitments resulting from legislative changes should be fully funded both in terms of capital funding and ongoing revenue funding including a commitment to fund employer national insurance payments for individuals employed by agencies who provide services to the Council which currently results in a £1.5m cost pressure;	Chair/ Scrutiny	ACTIONED: Response and information circulated 22 August 2025.	Follow link here

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		<p>and</p> <p>b. expressing concern regarding the repeated lateness of the settlement and requesting a commitment to bring forward the settlement date and to request that consideration be given to providing indicative multi-year settlements.</p>			
28 January 2025	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-25 to 2027-28 and Draft Budget Consultation Process	The Committee expressed concern regarding the perceived discrepancy between the Welsh Government promoting a 4% investment in education and Bridgend proposing a 1% cut to school budgets. The Committee were advised that Bridgend's allocation from the additional Welsh Government funding for education in Wales equated to around £10.8m. The Committee requested a copy of the letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Education detailing the breakdown of this allocation referred to by the Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People.	Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People	ACTIONED: Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 2 September 2025	Follow link here
28 January 2025	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-	The Committee expressed concern regarding the impact of falling pupil roll numbers on funding for schools	Corporate Director – Education, Early	ACTIONED:	Follow link here

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	25 to 2027-28 and Draft Budget Consultation Process	and requested the pupil numbers on roll for past years and a projection of future numbers including the Pupil Admission Number (PAN) for each school.	Years and Young People	Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 2 September 2025	
28 January 2025	Budget Monitoring 2024-25 - Quarter 3 Revenue Forecast	The Committee expressed concern that the White Paper from Welsh Government regarding home to school transport is still awaited and the impact being a significant recurring overspend on service provision. The Committee recommended that transformation of the service was required and that there needed to be work and education around the public bus network. The Committee also expressed concern, that a Welsh Government review of bus network services and franchising will commence in North Wales so that a review of Bridgend is not scheduled for at least two years.	Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People	ACTIONED: Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 2 September 2025	Follow link here
28 January 2025	Budget Monitoring 2024-25 - Quarter 3 Revenue Forecast	The Committee expressed concern regarding the significant increase in demand for learners with additional learning needs (ALN) driving the overspend position in this area and queried whether the reasons for the increase in	Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People	ACTIONED: Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 2 September 2025	Follow link here

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		<p>demand and the projected likely demand for ALN services were sufficiently understood.</p> <p>The Committee requested a copy of the Estyn review report referred to by the Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People regarding the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018 which considered some areas of learning needs and support required for learners and which provided a helpful summary of themes from a number of schools across Wales.</p>			