

Education and Youth Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING ACTION SHEET 2025-2026

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Outcome	Response
15 Sep 25	Mental Health and Wellbeing Support for Learners	Given the evidence provided by Officers and Headteachers regarding the impact of any removal of grant funding for mental health support for pupils in schools, the latter referencing that any removal would potentially be 'catastrophic'; Members recommended that a letter be drafted to Welsh Government from the Chair to highlight their concerns and their support for the growth bid to ensure sustainable funding for mental health support services in schools.	Chair/ Scrutiny	ACTIONED – Letter sent. Response awaited.	
24 Nov 25	Online Safety and Digital Learning	The Committee discussed that given the insightful views shared by headteachers invited to the meeting regarding online safety and digital learning, there would be further value in promoting collaboration and sharing good practice and recommended that consideration be given to surveying headteachers of all schools in the County Borough about their experiences and approaches to supporting learners and their families in respect of online safety.	Head of Learning/ Group Manager - School Improvement/ Lead Officer Digital Learning	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 2 February 2026	Follow link here .

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24 Nov 25	Online Safety and Digital Learning	The Committee recommended that consideration be given to the same online safety and social media training and workshops provided to school Governors also being made available to parents.	Head of Learning/ Group Manager - School Improvement/ Lead Officer Digital Learning	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 2 February 2026	Follow link here .
24 Nov 25	Online Safety and Digital Learning	The Committee recommended that there was a need to refresh the strategic partnership between the Council and South Wales Police in respect of supporting schools to meet the potentially criminal challenges of new technology, and that consideration be given to ideas about these issues and the role of police being forwarded to Council’s representative on the South Wales Police and Crime Panel.	Head of Learning/ Group Manager - School Improvement/ Lead Officer Digital Learning	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 2 February 2026	Follow link here .
24 Nov 25	Online Safety and Digital Learning	The Committee discussed the risk to children and online safety and recommended that consideration be given to further collaboration with children’s social care to support vulnerable children and young people and with foster carers to support Care Experienced Children with online safety, and also to better identify and support the	Head of Learning/ Group Manager - School Improvement/ Lead Officer Digital Learning	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 2 February 2026	Follow link here .

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		most vulnerable young people of the community.			
24 Nov 25	Online Safety and Digital Learning	The Committee requested an all-Member briefing regarding the impact of artificial intelligence on education.	Head of Learning/ Group Manager - School Improvement/ Lead Officer Digital Learning	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 2 February 2026	Follow link here .
24 Nov 25	Online Safety and Digital Learning	The Committee requested further information on how the Council is supporting home educated learners in the safe use of technology and social media.	Head of Learning/ Group Manager - School Improvement/ Lead Officer Digital Learning	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 2 February 2026	Follow link here .
24 Nov 25	Online Safety and Digital Learning	The Committee requested a copy of the locally developed Guidance recognised by the Welsh Government regarding artificial intelligence and plagiarism.	Head of Learning/ Group Manager - School Improvement/ Lead Officer Digital Learning	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 2 February 2026	Follow link here .
24 Nov 25	Online Safety and Digital Learning	Members requested the link to Estyn’s report, ‘New Era: How Artificial Intelligence (AI) is Supporting Teaching and Learning: The opportunities and	Head of Learning/ Group Manager - School	ACTIONED – response and information	Follow link here .

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		challenges of AI in schools and PRUs in Wales and how leaders should respond' (October 2025).	Improvement/ Lead Officer Digital Learning	circulated on 2 February 2026	