

**Education and Youth Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
**2026-27 Draft Forward Work Programme**

Monday, 1 June 2026 at 11am		
Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
<b>School Improvement</b>	Arrangements into the Local Authority and future school improvement arrangements	<p><b><u>Cabinet Member</u></b> Cabinet Member for Education and Young People</p> <p><b><u>Officers</u></b> Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People; Head of Learning; Group Manager – School Improvement</p> <p><b><u>Youth Council Representative</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Headteacher Nominees</u></b> Invitees to be confirmed</p> <p><b><u>External</u></b> Representatives from Central South Consortium</p>

Thursday, 2 July 2026 at 11am		
Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
<b>Healthy Eating in Schools</b>	<p>To include an information on Healthy Eating in Schools Regulations and an update on the Universal Primary Free School Meals Implementation.</p> <p><a href="#">Healthy Eating in Schools (Nutritional Standards and Requirements), Maintained Primary Schools (Wales) Regulations 2025</a> and <a href="#">Healthy Eating Regulations 2025</a></p>	<p><b><u>Cabinet Member</u></b> Cabinet Member for Education and Young People;</p> <p><b><u>Officers</u></b> Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People; Head of Strategy, Early Years and Youth;</p> <p><b><u>External</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Headteacher Nominees</u></b> Invitees to be confirmed</p> <p><b><u>Youth Council Representative</u></b></p>

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<b>Monday, 21 September 2026 at 11am</b>		
<b>Report Topic</b>	<b>Information Required / Committee's Role</b>	<b>Invitees</b>
<b>Close Current 3 year Strategic Plan and Open New 3 Year Strategic Plan</b>	To include review of Post Inspection Plan	<p><b><u>Cabinet Member</u></b> Cabinet Member for Education and Young People</p> <p><b><u>Officers</u></b> Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People; Head of Learning; Head of Strategy, Early Years and Youth;</p> <p><b><u>Youth Council Representative</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Headteacher Nominees</u></b> Invitees to be confirmed</p>

<b>Monday, 23 November 2026 at 11am</b>		
<b>Report Topic</b>	<b>Information Required / Committee's Role</b>	<b>Invitees</b>
<b>Home to School Transport</b>		<p><b><u>Cabinet Member</u></b> Cabinet Member for Education and Young People;</p> <p><b><u>Officers</u></b> Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People; Head of Learning; Head of Strategy, Early Years and Youth</p> <p><b><u>Youth Council Representative</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Headteacher Nominees</u></b> Invitees to be confirmed</p>

<b>Monday, 1 February 2026 at 11am</b>		
<b>Report Topic</b>	<b>Information Required / Committee's Role</b>	<b>Invitees</b>
<b>School Modernisation</b>	<p>An audit of the condition of all schools in Bridgend County.</p> <p>An analysis of the lessons learned from the school modernisation projects that have happened or in the process of being planned and built,</p>	<p><b><u>Cabinet Member</u></b> Cabinet Member for Education and Young People; Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment;</p> <p><b><u>Officers</u></b></p>

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<p><b>School Maintenance (Communities – Corporate Landlord)</b></p>	<p>including the impact of wider political and economic forces. The report 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> <p>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.</p> <p>The future of school modernisation and project finance in Wales. To include an on the progress of increasing specialist provision.</p> <p>To include an update on progress against Commitments in <i>WBO 3.4 Modernise School Buildings</i> and their impact on Commitment <i>WBO4.4.2 to develop a five-year plan to meet increasing demand on support services, specialist provision and schools.</i></p>	<p>Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People; Corporate Director - Communities; Head of Learning;</p> <p>Deputy Head of Finance; Accountant – Capital and Grants;</p> <p>Head of Operations; Manager (Sustainable Communities for Learning); Group Manager – Corporate Landlord; Senior Portfolio Surveyor, Education and Wellbeing;</p> <p><b><u>Youth Council Representative</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Headteacher Nominees</u></b> Invitees to be confirmed</p>
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**Monday, 1 March 2026 at 11am**

Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
<p><b>Review of Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Support</b></p>	<p>To include an update on Commitment <i>WBO4.4.2 to develop a five-year plan to meet increasing demand on support services, specialist provision and schools</i> and any impact from</p>	<p><b><u>Cabinet Member</u></b> Cabinet Member for Education and Young People;</p> <p><b><u>Officers</u></b></p>

	<p>progress against Commitments in WBO 3.4 <i>Modernise School Buildings</i>.</p> <p>To include an update on the progress against performance Indicator DEFS170 regarding the percentage of new local authority individual development plans (IDPs) delivered using the online IDP system.</p>	<p>Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People; Head of Learning; Group Manager – School Improvement;</p> <p><b><u>Youth Council Representative</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Headteacher Nominees</u></b> Invitees to be confirmed</p>
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**Items to be Scheduled to the Committee’s 2027-2028 Forward Work Programme**

- Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) – June 2027 (TBC)
- School Modernisation (New Builds) – to include a site visit – 2027 (TBC)

**Information Report to be provided:**

- Spring 2026 – English Language School Catchment Areas / Capacity

**Research and Evaluation Panel**

- TBC in 2026 - School Improvement Research and Evaluation Panel (REP)

**Briefings and Workshops**

Topic	Information Required / Committee’s Role	Invitees and Date
<b>Support for Home-Educated Learners</b>		All Member Briefing
<b>New Estyn Inspection Framework / Local Government Education Services (LGES)</b>		
<b>Update on Effective School Governing Bodies – Appointment, Support and Funding</b>	Invitation to be extended to Governors Association	
<b>School Safeguarding Audits Summary</b>		TBC in 2026
<b>Pupil and Learner Attainment Outcomes</b>	To include Validated Exam Results	TBC in 2026