

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 and response circulated to Members on 14 April 2026	Follow link here .
9 Feb 26	Teaching and Learning	The Committee recommended that consideration be given to strengthening the link between the School Improvement Group and the Committee by sharing the RAG status of schools confidentially to Members with more information about the evaluation mechanism, in order to provide assurance about its effectiveness.	Corporate Director for Education, Early Years and Young People / Head of Learning / Group Manager – School Improvement	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 21 May 2026.	Follow link here
9 Feb 26	Teaching and Learning	The Committee discussed the focus of the report being on examples of schools with Estyn Spotlights and schools	Corporate Director for Education, Early	ACTIONED – response and information	Follow link here

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		required to address Estyn Recommendations to avoid going into special measures and requested an analysis of all Estyn recommendations including schools across the County not falling into the two categories focussed on in this report, to identify any themes or trends.	Years and Young People / Head of Learning / Group Manager – School Improvement	circulated 21 May 2026.	
9 Feb 26	Teaching and Learning	The Committee requested details regarding the self-evaluation process, including support for schools to identify their strategic priorities especially in the run-up to an Estyn inspection, and any review process between agreeing the strategic priorities and implementation.	Corporate Director for Education, Early Years and Young People / Head of Learning / Group Manager – School Improvement	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 21 May 2026.	Follow link here
9 Feb 26	Information Report – Corporate Performance Quarter 2 2025-26	The Committee expressed concern regarding the red and amber RAG status and the timescales of most Commitments in WBO 3.4 <i>Modernise School Buildings</i> and discussed their impact on Commitment WBO4.4.2 <i>to develop a five-year plan to meet increasing demand on support services, specialist provision and schools</i> , highlighting the length of waiting lists in this area and the number of learners who remain on waiting lists, and recommended that these matters be	Scrutiny / Chair of Committee	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 21 May 2026.	Follow link here

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		added to the Committee's Forward Work Programme (FWP).			
9 Feb 26	Information Report – Corporate Performance Quarter 2 2025-26	The Committee expressed concern regarding the continued red status and poor performance against Performance Indicator DEFS170 regarding the percentage of new local authority individual development plans (IDPs) delivered using the online IDP system and recommended that this be added to the Committee's FWP.	Scrutiny / Scrutiny Budget Working Group	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 21 May 2026.	Follow link here
9 Feb 26	Forward Work Programme Update	<u>Referral from Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 23 October 2025.</u> The Committee recommended that the issue regarding the number of schools projecting a deficit budget and the extent of the deficits should be considered as part of the budget process, including the work of the Scrutiny Budget Working Group, for 2026-27.	Scrutiny / Chair of Committee	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 21 May 2026.	Follow link here
9 Feb 26	Forward Work Programme Update	<u>Referral from Social Service, Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 6 November 2025.</u> With regard to the concerns expressed about the level of contact Home Educated learners may have with the Local Authority, the Committee recommended that, in the first instance, an all-Member briefing be scheduled.	Scrutiny / Chair of Committee	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 21 May 2026.	Follow link here