

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
School Improvement	Arrangements into the Local Authority and future school improvement arrangements	<u>Cabinet Member</u> Cabinet Member for Education and Young People <u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People; Head of Learning; Group Manager – School Improvement <u>Youth Council Representative</u> <u>Headteacher Nominees</u> Invitees to be confirmed <u>External</u> Representatives from Central South Consortium

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

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Monday, 21 September 2026 at 11am		
Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Review of Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Support	To include an update on Commitment WBO4.4.2 <i>to develop a five-year plan to meet increasing demand on support services, specialist provision and schools</i> and any impact from progress against Commitments in WBO 3.4 <i>Modernise School Buildings</i>. 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.	<u>Cabinet Member</u> Cabinet Member for Education and Young People; <u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People; Head of Learning; Group Manager – School Improvement; <u>Youth Council Representative</u> <u>Headteacher Nominees</u> Invitees to be confirmed

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

Monday, 1 February 2026 at 11am		
Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Close Current 3 year Strategic Plan and Open New 3 Year Strategic Plan	To include review of Post Inspection Plan	<u>Cabinet Member</u> Cabinet Member for Education and Young People <u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People;

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		Head of Learning; Head of Strategy, Early Years and Youth; <u>Youth Council Representative</u> <u>Headteacher Nominees</u> Invitees to be confirmed
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Monday, 1 March 2026 at 11am

Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
School Modernisation	An audit of the condition of all schools in Bridgend County. An analysis of the lessons learned from the school modernisation projects that have happened or in the process of being planned and built, 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. 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. The future of school modernisation and project finance in Wales. To include an on the progress of increasing specialist provision. To include an update on progress against Commitments	<u>Cabinet Member</u> Cabinet Member for Education and Young People; Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment; <u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People; Corporate Director - Communities; Head of Learning; Deputy Head of Finance; Accountant – Capital and Grants; Head of Operations; Manager (Sustainable Communities for Learning); Group Manager – Corporate Landlord; Senior Portfolio Surveyor, Education and Wellbeing; <u>Youth Council Representative</u> <u>Headteacher Nominees</u> Invitees to be confirmed

School Maintenance (Communities – Corporate Landlord)	in WBO 3.4 <i>Modernise School Buildings</i> and 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>	
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Items to be Scheduled to the Committee's 2027-2028 Forward Work Programme

- Attendance in Schools (TBC)
 - i) The Authority's position on prosecuting for non-attendance;
 - ii) Incentives to keep children in school;
 - iii) Variances in attendance between schools.
- Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) – June 2027 (TBC)
- School Modernisation (New Builds) – to include a site visit – 2027 (TBC)
- Draft Directorate Strategic Plan (TBC)
 - i) To include a section on Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)
 - ii) What the Authority was doing to prevent school leavers becoming NEET
 - iii) Any policy to support schools.

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

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School Modernisation	To be arranged in the interim, as the report is scheduled for March 2027.	
Support for Home-Educated Learners		All Member Briefing
New Estyn Inspection Framework / Local Government Education Services (LGES)		
Update on Effective School Governing Bodies – Appointment, Support and Funding	Invitation to be extended to Governors Association	
School Safeguarding Audits Summary		TBC in 2026

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Pupil and Learner Attainment Outcomes	To include Validated Exam Results	TBC in 2026
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