

Education and Youth Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee**Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet for 2026-27**

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Outcome	Response
1 June 2026	School Improvement	The questions listed below received from the Youth Council (YC) were read out, brief answers provided and the Head of Learning advised that full written responses would be sent to the YC and the Committee requested a copy also be provided to Members of the Committee: a. In the new (3 year strategic) plan, will awareness be raised of Young Carers? b. Is there a plan to increase support for children with additional learning needs? c. What is being done in regard to (managing) bullying in schools? d. What is being done to support those with poor attendance due to wellbeing issues?	Corporate Director for Education, Early Years and Young People / Head of Learning	Recommendation circulated requesting response. Chased.	
1 June 2026	School Improvement	The Committee discussed support for home schooled learners and their transition back into schools for the examination period and accessing future courses, and requested a written response from the Education	Corporate Director for Education, Early Years and Young People /	Recommendation circulated requesting response. Chased.	

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		Engagement Manager of the measures in place to support and ensure that home educated pupils receive adequate education. and requested an update on the scheduling of an All-Member briefing previously requested on this topic.	Education Engagement Manager		
1 June 2026	School Improvement	Given the potential future expansion of universal provision of free school meals to Secondary schools for learners whose parents are in receipt of Universal Credit, the Committee requested that the Healthy Eating in Schools report scheduled for their July meeting includes information regarding whether facilities in Secondary schools are in place to meet the need of this potential future policy, due to the capacity of existing dining halls/ buildings, facilities in kitchens, etc. similarly to some issues encountered in the rollout in Primary schools. (LH)	Scrutiny	ACTIONED: Request was added to scope in Report Request and included in report to Committee on 2 July 2026.	
1 June 2026	School Improvement	That the draft Directorate Strategic Plan scheduled to be reported to a future meeting of the Committee includes a Section on Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) to include what the Authority was doing to prevent school leavers becoming NEET and any policy to support schools.	Scrutiny	Request to be added to the scope of the Report Request. Detail added to the Appendix A FWP.	

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2 July 2026	Healthy Eating in School Regulations and Expansion of Access to Free School Meals in Secondary Schools	The Committee discussed the requirement within the Regulations to reduce the amount of processed food, action being taken to reduce the use of ingredients from non-sustainable sources and increase the amount of sustainable locally sourced food, and Officers advised they could link with the main suppliers to get more information on sustainability. The Committee welcomed the provision of this information and recommended that consideration be given to exploring the potential of becoming deforestation free champions and reviewing menus accordingly.	Corporate Director for Education, Early Years and Young People / Team Manager Catering Service	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 14 September 2026.	Follow link here .
2 July 2026	Healthy Eating in School Regulations and Expansion of Access to Free School Meals in Secondary Schools	The Committee acknowledged that catering staff within schools know the children well and support them accordingly and discussed the importance that the new Regulations did not hamper their discretion, and issues including children not eating at home, children who have higher metabolisms and therefore may need more food, and also childhood obesity. The Committee recommended that the Authority explore with Welsh Local Government Association and Welsh Government a methodology for monitoring what children are eating and are not eating to understand if any changes to menus are	Corporate Director for Education, Early Years and Young People / Team Manager Catering Service	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 14 September 2026.	Follow link here .

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		required in order to balance nutrition and hunger.			
2 July 2026	Healthy Eating in School Regulations and Expansion of Access to Free School Meals in Secondary Schools	The Committee were advised by the Sustainable Food Co-Ordinator and Sustainable Food Project Support Officer of engagement undertaken with 11 schools on the new menu, working with schools to also deliver cooking and growing sessions, with the aim to increase the uptake of meals and recommended that consideration be given to how current food waste in schools could be reduced and the potential for redistributing food waste be explored.	Corporate Director for Education, Early Years and Young People / Team Manager Catering Service	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 14 September 2026.	Follow link here .
2 July 2026	Healthy Eating in School Regulations and Expansion of Access to Free School Meals in Secondary Schools	The Committee requested a copy of new menus and if possible, some of the recipes be circulated to them.	Corporate Director for Education, Early Years and Young People / Team Manager Catering Service	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 14 September 2026.	Follow link here .
2 July 2026	Healthy Eating in School Regulations and Expansion of Access to Free	a) A report on Attendance in Schools be scheduled to include: i) The Authority's position on prosecuting for non-attendance;	Scrutiny / EYS Chair	To be discussed in the next FWP planning meeting	

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	School Meals in Secondary Schools	ii) Incentives to keep children in school; iii) Variances in attendance between schools.			
2 July 2026	Healthy Eating in School Regulations and Expansion of Access to Free School Meals in Secondary Schools	That the scheduled Review of Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Support report include in its scope, the rising costs for delivering the ALN provision in schools.	Scrutiny	ACTIONED: Added to the scope of the Report Request	
2 July 2026	Healthy Eating in School Regulations and Expansion of Access to Free School Meals in Secondary Schools	A Member Briefing regarding School Modernisation be arranged in the interim, as the report is scheduled for March 2027.	Scrutiny / EYS Chair	To be discussed in the next FWP planning meeting.	