

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

7TH APRIL 2015

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND TRANSFORMATION

PRINCIPLES DOCUMENT (FOR INFORMATION)

1. Purpose of Report.

The purpose of this report is to inform Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Children's Directorate's revised Principles document to inform the planning for school improvement.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

The information in this report relates to strategic priority 2 in the Corporate Plan 'Working Together to Raise Ambitions and Drive Up Educational Achievement'.

3. Background

3.1 The Children's Directorate has revised the Principles which were established on 13th September 2006 and upon which planning for school organisation should be based.

3.2 The rationale for the revision is to ensure that plans for further school improvement take into account the current context of falling rolls, a number of surplus primary and secondary school places, a number of Head Teachers reaching retirement age in the next 5 years and financial constraints, which means that a strategy for sustainable provision is required.

4. Current situation / proposal

4.1 A set of Principles and criteria (Appendix 1) to underpin the future of education and learning provision which can then be applied to establish a strategic development plan for the next ten years has been developed. These criteria will provide a framework upon which decisions will be made.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules

5.1 The content of this report has no effect upon policy and procedure rules.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 There are no direct equality impact issues arising from this report.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

8. Recommendations

8.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the document.

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