

**LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Work Programme from May 2018**

**Please note that the forward work programme is a 'live' document and subject to change at short notice.**

**The information in this work programme is subject to agreement at the meeting on 19 April 2018**

*The order in which items are listed at this stage may not reflect the order they subsequently appear on the agenda / are dealt with at the scrutiny meeting. Please note that for items marked as 'part 2' it is recommended that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during its consideration in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).*

***Please note: Workshops and Task & Finish Group meetings are not open to the general public.***

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**All Meetings start at 2.00pm in the Guildhall, Wrexham, unless otherwise stated.**

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| <b>17 May 2018<br/>(Task &amp; Finish Group<br/>4.15pm start)</b> | School Performance  | To hold a meeting once per school term to invite schools causing concern (informed by the Accelerated Improvement Board) to attend and present the actions in place to secure improvement and impact is evident.  | Significant improvement in schools causing concern to the Local Authority and GwE.   | People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/GwE Head of Education |
| <b>21 June 2018</b>   | Learner Outcomes Report for Wrexham Pupils in Coleg Cambria 2016/17 | To consider improvements in the Learner Outcomes Report for Wrexham pupils attending Coleg Cambria (this will include both A level and vocational qualifications). Report to include Percentage of Year 11 Pupils remaining in full time education.   | To improve learner outcomes for Wrexham students attending Coleg Cambria.  | Principal, Coleg Cambria/<br>Scrutiny Facilitator              |
| <b>19 July 2018</b>   | *GwE Annual Report  | To consider whether the support provided by GwE (NW Regional School Improvement Service) has contributed to sufficient improvement in education standards in Wrexham and is providing value for money. To also consider whether the North Wales regional priorities for 2017/18 outlined in the Annual Report will support further improvement. | Significant improvement in education standards in Wrexham schools to bring in line with the Local Authority's expected Wales rankings. | Managing Director of GwE/<br>Scrutiny Facilitator              |

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| <b>September 2018</b>                       | <b>Proposed Budget Savings 2019/20 and 2020/21 (provisional)</b> | <b>To consider the potential impact of the proposed budget savings relevant to this Committee which are highlighted at the All Member Budget Workshops between April and July 2018.</b>  | <b>To ensure that the potential impacts of the budget savings proposals are fully explored prior to public consultation.</b>          | <b>Lead Member for People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/ Head of Education/ Other Lead Members/Officers responsible for budget savings</b> |
| <b>September 2018 (All Member Workshop)</b> | <b>Education Department Self Evaluation</b>                      | <b>To have initial discussions around the self evaluation report of the Education Department regarding how effective the Local Authority’s leadership and management arrangements are in supporting education, as agreed at the meeting held on 8 February 2018.</b> | <b>To seek initial views of all Members regarding the Authority’s leadership and management arrangements in supporting education.</b> | <b>People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/GwE/ Head of Education</b>   |
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| <b>October 2018</b>   | *Education Standards   | Foundation Phase, Key Stage 2 and 3 results, broken down by individual schools and including provisional FSM data.<br>Provisional results for Key Stages 4 and 5.<br>Outcomes from the School Performance Task & Finish Group. | Significant improvement in education standards in Wrexham schools to bring in line with the Local Authority's expected Wales rankings.                             | People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/<br>Head of Education   |
| <b>November 2018 (Task &amp; Finish Group 4.15pm start)</b> | School Performance   | To hold a meeting once per school term to invite schools causing concern (informed by the Accelerated Improvement Board) to attend and present the actions in place to secure improvement and impact is evident.               | Significant improvement in schools causing concern to the Local Authority and GwE.   | People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/GwE<br>Head of Education  |
| <b>December 2018 (additional meeting, if required)</b>      | <b>Proposed Budget Savings 2019/20 and 2020/21 (provisional)</b> | <b>To consider responses to the consultation on specific budget proposals which may be identified at the meeting in September 2018.</b>  | <b>To maximise mitigation regarding the potential impacts of the specific budget savings proposals taking account of the responses to the public consultation.</b> | <b>Lead Member for People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/<br/>Head of Education/<br/>Other Lead Members/Officers responsible for budget savings</b> |

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| <b>December 2018</b>   | Behaviour and School Exclusions                           | To consider a monitoring report on the levels of fixed term and permanent exclusions, to include all Wales comparative data, outcome of review of secondary schools behaviour and expectations policies and the recording of exclusions, Governor training, and the education and training indicator for the Youth Justice Service, | To reduce the levels of fixed term and permanent exclusions.   | People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/ Head of Education     |
|                        | *GwE and Local Authority Education Business Plans 2018/19 | To consider an evaluation report of on the 2018/19 GwE and Local Authority Business Plans. Any recommendations to then inform the 2019/20 Business Plans (1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020). Representatives of WASH and the Primary Headteachers' Federation to be invited to attend.  | Significant improvement in education standards in Wrexham schools to bring in line with the Local Authority's expected Wales rankings. | People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/GwE/ Head of Education |
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| <b>January 2019</b>    |   |   |  |   |
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| <b>February 2019</b>   | Support for Pupil Well Being                              | To consider the support arrangements for the well being of Wrexham pupils. Report to include the new model of youth service provision and outreach work, as agreed at the meeting held on 8 February 2018.  | Improvement in education standards in Wrexham schools to bring in line with the Local Authority's expected Wales rankings.             | People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/ Head of Education     |
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| <b>March 2019<br/>(Task &amp; Finish Group<br/>4.15pm start)</b> | School Performance  | To hold a meeting once per school term to invite schools causing concern (informed by the Accelerated Improvement Board) to attend and present the actions in place to secure improvement and impact is evident.  | Significant improvement in schools causing concern to the Local Authority and GwE.   | People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/GwE Head of Education  |
| <b>April 2019</b>  | Education Standards for FSM (free school meal) and non-FSM pupils and other groups of vulnerable learners | To consider the verified KS4 data in respect of individual schools and eligibility for FSM performance. To consider whether there has been sufficient improvement in education standards for FSM pupils and other vulnerable groups of learners. Report will set out comparisons between academic achievement for Free School Meals (FSM) and non-FSM pupils, trend information, best practice and all Wales comparisons, where possible. To include a breakdown of FSM pupils with Special Educational Needs, Looked After Children, Children with English as an Additional Language, gypsy and traveller children and also attendance data. | Significant improvement in education standards for FSM pupils and other groups of vulnerable learners to bring in line with the Local Authority's expected Wales rankings. | People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/GwE/ Head of Education |
| <b>May 2019<br/>(Task &amp; Finish Group<br/>4.15pm start)</b>   | School Performance  | To hold a meeting once per school term to invite schools causing concern (informed by the Accelerated Improvement Board) to attend and present the actions in place to secure improvement and impact is evident.  | Significant improvement in schools causing concern to the Local Authority and GwE.   | People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/GwE/ Head of Education |
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| <b>June 2019</b>       | *21 <sup>st</sup> Century Schools Band B programme. | To consider the implementation of the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme Band B.  | Band B projects deliver schools fit for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century.  | People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/GwE/ Head of Education |
| <b>July 2019</b>       | *GwE Annual Report                                  | To consider whether the support provided by GwE (NW Regional School Improvement Service) has contributed to sufficient improvement in education standards in Wrexham and is providing value for money. To also consider whether the North Wales regional priorities for 2018/19 outlined in the Annual Report will support further improvement. | Significant improvement in education standards in Wrexham schools to bring in line with the Local Authority's expected Wales rankings. | Managing Director of GwE/ Scrutiny Facilitator                  |

\* Welsh language simultaneous translation to be arranged for these items at the meeting.

### **ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED**

| <b>ITEM</b>                                  | <b>AS AGREED at meeting of:</b>     | <b>PURPOSE OF REPORT</b>  | <b>REASON FOR CONSIDERATION</b>   | <b>Lead Member/ Contact Officer</b>       |
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| Education Standards at Key Stage 5 (post-16) | 21 April 2016.<br>19 November 2015. | To consider the verified Key Stage 5 (post-16) results in 11-18 schools in Wrexham for 2015. Performance of Wrexham pupils at Key Stage 5 (post 16) in Coleg Cambria. Vice-Principal of | Continued improvement in education standards for all post-16 Wrexham pupils (school sixth forms and | People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/ |

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|                |                                 | <p>Coleg Cambria be invited to attend the meeting.</p> <p>Report to be submitted when a more consistent measure of value added is available across school sixth forms and colleges (this is currently being developed by Welsh Government).</p> | Coleg Cambria).   | <p>Head of Education</p> <p>Vice-Principal, Coleg Cambria</p> |
| Budget 2019/20 | 8 February 2018                 | To consider the proposed budget savings for 2019/20 relevant to the terms of reference of this Committee.   | To enable wider discussion regarding the impact of the proposed budget savings. | People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/ Head of Education   |

### **REGULAR ITEMS**

| <b>ITEM</b>        | <b>AS AGREED at the meeting held on:</b> | <b>PURPOSE OF REPORT</b>   | <b>EXPECTED OUTCOME</b>  | <b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER/ CONTACT OFFICER</b>                 |
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| School Performance | 20 July 2017                             | To hold an additional meeting once per school term to invite schools causing concern (informed by the Accelerated Improvement Board) to attend and present the actions in place to secure improvement and impact is evident. | Significant improvement in schools causing concern to the Local Authority and GwE. | People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/ Head of Education |
| * Education        | 20 July 2017                             | To be split over a number of meetings as   | Significant improvement in   | People –  |





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|   |                                   | <p>level and vocational qualifications). Report to include Percentage of Year 11 Pupils remaining in full time education.</p> <p><i>Reports to highlight both underachieving and good performing schools in order to demonstrate best practice, as agreed at the meeting held on 16 July 2015. Schools to be anonymised.</i></p>                        |   |   |
| *GwE (NW Regional School Improvement Service) Annual Report | 19 June 2014                      | To consider the annual report on the performance of GwE, following the end of the financial year ( <b>July</b> ).   | As above.   | Managing Director of GwE/ Scrutiny Facilitator              |
| Behaviour and Exclusions                                    | 8 February 2018                   | To consider a monitoring report on pupil behaviour and the levels of fixed term and permanent exclusions, to include all Wales comparative data, outcome of review of secondary schools behaviour and expectations policies and the recording of exclusions, Governor training, and the education and training indicator for the Youth Justice Service, | To reduce the levels of fixed term and permanent exclusions           | People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/ Head of Education |
| Budget  | 8 February 2018                   | To consider the proposed budget savings for the next financial year(s) relevant this Committee.   | Wider discussion regarding the impact of the proposed budget savings. | People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/ Head of Education |

## INFORMATION ITEMS

| ITEM   | Expected date of Circulation | PURPOSE OF REPORT  | RESPONSIBLE OFFICER/ CONTACT OFFICER |
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| School funding/ performance                        | <b>TBC</b>                   | To receive information on how schools are funded in Wrexham and whether there is any correlation between funding and school performance. Report to include key findings from the review of school funding formula and the impact of welfare reforms and FSM eligibility, as agreed at the meetings held on 16 July 2015 and 7 July 2016. (An Information Report on the Cumulative Impact of Welfare Reforms in Wrexham was circulated to all Members in July 2016).. | Head of Finance                      |
| GwE/WCBC Level 2 Business Plan                     | Quarterly                    | To receive quarterly updates on the progress of the plan.  | Head of Education                    |
| Reform of School Governance                        | TBC                          | To receive the outcome of the Welsh Government's consultation on the reform of School Governance, as requested at the meeting held on 16 February 2017.  | Head of Education                    |
| School Music Service.                              | Mid-Autumn                   | To receive information regarding the impact of the budget savings in respect of the schools music service, as agreed at the meeting held on 8 February 2018.   | Head of Education                    |
| Fixed Penalty Notices for non-attendance at school | November 2019                | To receive a further progress report following the implementation of the Fixed Penalty Notices for non-attendance at school. To include information the consistent application of the policy in schools. (Agreed at the meeting held on 21 September 2017).  | Head of Education                    |