

LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work Programme from April 2019

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The information in this work programme is subject to agreement at the meeting on 11 April 2019

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.

For general enquiries relating to the Council's scrutiny function, including this committee's work programme, please contact Craig Stevens, Scrutiny Facilitator, Scrutiny Team on 292253.

For administrative arrangements such as enquiries relating to report dispatch dates, venue layouts, setting up of presentations, etc., please contact Sarah Royce, Committee Officer, Committee and Member Services on 292240.

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

DATE OF MEETING	SUBJECT	PURPOSE OF REPORT	EXPECTED OUTCOME	LEAD MEMBER/ CONTACT OFFICER
16 May 2019 (3.45pm start)	School Performance	To hold a meeting of the School Performance Monitoring Working Group 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/ Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention
20 June 2019				
18 July 2019	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 consider a response to key areas identified at the meeting of the Committee in December 2018 arising from consideration of the GwE/WCBC Business Plans.	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
12 September 2019				
10 October 2019				

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14 November 2019	School Performance	To hold a meeting of the School Performance Monitoring Working Group 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/ Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention
5 December 2019	Behaviour and Exclusions	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 include additional information as requested at the meeting held on 21 February 2019.	To reduce the levels of fixed term and permanent exclusions	People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn// Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention
16 January 2020				
13 February 2020				

DATE OF MEETING	SUBJECT	PURPOSE OF REPORT	EXPECTED OUTCOME	LEAD MEMBER/ CONTACT OFFICER
12 March 2020	School Performance	To hold a meeting of the School Performance Monitoring Working Group 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/ Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention
2 April 2020				
14 May 2020	School Performance	To hold a meeting of the School Performance Monitoring Working Group 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/ Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention
18 June 2020				
9 July 2020	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.	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

ITEM	AS AGREED at meeting of:	PURPOSE OF REPORT	REASON FOR CONSIDERATION	Lead Member/ Contact Officer
Education Standards at Key Stage 5 (post-16)	21 April 2016. 19 November 2015.	<p>To consider the verified Key Stage 5 (post-16) results in 11-18 schools in Wrexham. Performance of Wrexham pupils at Key Stage 5 (post 16) in Coleg Cambria. Assistant Principal of 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>	Continued improvement in education standards for all post-16 Wrexham pupils (school sixth forms and Coleg Cambria).	<p>People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/ Head of Education</p> <p>Vice-Principal, Coleg Cambria</p>
Scrutiny of PSB Wellbeing Plan Priority 2	February 2018	Priority 2 – “All people have opportunities to learn and develop throughout their lives”	To ensure that sufficient progress is being made by the PSB in delivering priority 2 of the Wrexham Wellbeing Plan.	PSB Support Officer
*21 st Century Schools Band B programme.	8 November 2018	To consider the implementation of the 21st Century Schools Programme Band B. To be considered Autumn 2019.	Band B projects deliver schools fit for the 21st Century.	People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/GwE/ Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention

ITEM	AS AGREED at meeting of:	PURPOSE OF REPORT	REASON FOR CONSIDERATION	Lead Member/ Contact Officer
Period Poverty	8 November 2018	To consider a progress report in 18 months time on the implementation of the Welsh Government Funding. Suggested May 2020.	To highlight the effectiveness of work undertaken in this area.	People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/GwE/ Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention
Performance of Wrexham Pupil/Schools in the Academic Year 2017/18	8 November 2018	To consider a report containing available data and relevant value added information, together with details of current work around eFSM, variation, progress and value added To be considered when information is available.	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/ Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention
Local Government Education Framework	21 February 2019	To agree a response to the questions posed under the Local Government Education framework. As required, but no later than February 2020.	To enable a discussion as to the effectiveness of scrutiny arrangements.	Scrutiny Committee/Scrutiny Facilitator

REGULAR ITEMS

ITEM	AS AGREED at the meeting held on:	PURPOSE OF REPORT	EXPECTED OUTCOME	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER/ CONTACT OFFICER
School Performance Monitoring Working Group	20 July 2017	To hold a meeting of the School Performance Monitoring Working Group 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/ Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention
* Education Standards	20 July 2017	<p>To be split over a number of meetings as follows: * October – Standardised NW Report on Foundation Phase, Key Stage 2 and 3 results, including provisional FSM data. Provisional results for Key Stages 4 and 5. Outcomes from the School Performance Task & Finish Group. To also include details of levels of results below expectation.</p> <p>* December – Evaluation of GwE and Local Authority Education Business Plans. Any recommendations to inform the Business Plans for the following year. Members to identify key areas for GwE to respond to when the GwE Annual Report is submitted to Committee in July. Representatives of WASH and the Primary Headteachers’ Federation to be invited to attend.</p> <p>June</p>	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/ Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention

ITEM	AS AGREED at the meeting held on:	PURPOSE OF REPORT	EXPECTED OUTCOME	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER/ CONTACT OFFICER
		<p>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.</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>		Principal, Coleg Cambria
*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 (July).	As above.	Managing Director of GwE/ Scrutiny Facilitator
Behaviour and Exclusions	8 February 2018	<p>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.</p> <p>(December) To include additional information as requested at the meeting held on 21 February 2019.</p>	To reduce the levels of fixed term and permanent exclusions	People – Education, Councillor Phil Wynn/ Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention

INFORMATION ITEMS

ITEM	Expected date of Circulation	PURPOSE OF REPORT	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER/ CONTACT OFFICER
School funding/ performance	TBC	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
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.	Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention
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).	Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention
21st Century Schools Band B programme	June 2019	To receive an update on the programme.	Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention
Period Poverty	March 2019	To advise of the spending of this Welsh Government grant funding.	Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention