

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GUILDHALL ON
THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2019**

MEMBERS

Councillor Nigel Williams, Chair
Councillor Frank Hemmings, Vice-Chair

Councillor	Dana Davies	Councillor	John McCusker
“	* Carrie Harper	“	Beverley Parry-Jones
“	R Alun Jenkins	“	Rondo Roberts
“	Paul Jones	“	Debbie Wallice
“	Tina Mannering		

Mr Brendan McDonald - Church Representative
Mr Glyn Williams - Church Representative

Mrs Alison Fisher - Parent Governor Representative*

Mr Brent Evans - Co-optee

*Absent

Also Present – Councillors Phil Wynn and Adrienne Jeorrett

9 WELCOME

The Chair welcomed to the meeting newly co-opted member Mr Glyn Williams, who was replacing Mrs Rosalind Williams, co-opted church representative, who had stepped down from the Committee and on behalf of Members conveyed thanks for her contribution to the work of the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee.

10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Carrie Harper and co-opted member Mrs Alison Fisher.

11 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

AGREED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 July 2019 be signed as a correct record.

12 WORK PROGRAMME

The Chief Officer Governance & Customer submitted a report (COGC/43/19s) to assist the Committee in considering and agreeing its work programme.

In considering the report Members made reference to the Performance of Wrexham Pupils/Schools in the Academic Year 2018/19 report to be considered at the November meeting. It was noted that the report would provide verified information in relation to performance from Foundation Phase to Key Stage 3, however Key Stage

4 verified performance information would not be available until early in 2020. Accordingly Members agreed to amend the scheduling of items on the work programme to split the report across two meetings.

The Lead Member reported that clarification was being sought from the Education Minister in respect of the role of scrutiny in evaluating the performance of schools, in light of changes in required data collection, and he agreed to share with Committee members a list of questions to be submitted to the Minister at a meeting next week.

AGREED – That, subject to the following changes, the work programme be agreed:

**14 November 2019 –
Performance of Wrexham Pupils/Schools in the Academic Year 2018/19
(Foundation Phase to Key Stage 3)**

**12 March 2020 –
Preparation for Implementing the New Curriculum and ALN Reform Act
Performance of Wrexham Pupils/Schools in the Academic Year 2018/19 (Key
Stage 4)**

**2 April 2020 –
School Performance Monitoring Working Group**

13 MEMBERSHIP OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TASK AND FINISH GROUP

The Chief Officer Governance & Customer submitted a report (COGC/39/19s) to consider membership of the Committee's Performance Task and Finish Group following any changes in Committee membership agreed at Annual Council in May 2019.

Nominations to serve on the Group were sought and it was –

AGREED – That the following Committee members be appointed to the School Performance Monitoring Working Group:

**Councillor Dana Davies
Councillor Carrie Harper
Councillor Frank Hemmings
Councillor Tina Mannering
Councillor Nigel Williams
Mrs Alison Fisher
Mr Brent Evans
Mr Glyn Williams**

Substitute members: Councillor R Alun Jenkins and Mr Brendan McDonald, if required for the meeting scheduled for October 2019.

Councillor Nigel Williams
Chair