

LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 6th October, 2022.

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Present: Councillor R.R. Thomas (Chair); Councillor H.M. Payne (Vice-Chair); Councillors A. Asbrey, R.E. Godfrey, E.J. Goodjohn, W.A. Hennessy, N.P. Hodges, J. Lynch-Wilson, J.M. Norman and E. Penn.

Co-opted Members: Dr. M. Price (Roman Catholic Church) and R. Morteo (Church in Wales).

Also present: Councillors R.M. Birch (Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language) and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors W. Gilligan and N.B. Marshallsea; and L. Barrowclough (Parent Governor – Primary Sector).

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2022 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST –

Councillor E.J. Goodjohn	Agenda Item No. 6 – Elective Home Education (EHE) Update.	Prejudicial Interest – Councillor Goodjohn was an elective home educator. Councillor Goodjohn left the meeting during discussion of this item.
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AGENDA ITEM 4. DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL SELF-ASSESSMENT 2021/22 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Cabinet Reference and appended Draft Vale of Glamorgan Council Annual Self-Assessment report be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the content of the report to assess the progress made by the Council in meeting its Annual Delivery Plan commitments for 2021/22 as aligned to the Corporate Plan Wellbeing Objectives as per section 114 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

AGENDA ITEM 5. REVENUE MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 31ST AUGUST 2022 (DLS) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the position with regard to the Authority's 2022/23 Revenue Budget be noted.
- (2) T H A T the arrangements to offset the emerging overspends in 2022/23, as set out in the report, be noted.
- (3) T H A T the additional cost pressures of £2.840m on schools in 2022/23, that may need to be met from school balances, be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1-3) Having regard to the content of the report and the projected revenue outturn for 2022/23 as well as emerging pay and price inflationary pressures in 2022/23 and additional pressures on schools in 2022/23.

AGENDA ITEM 6. ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION (EHE) UPDATE (DSL) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the progress made in the area of Elective Home Education (EHE) during the last 12 months be noted.
- (2) T H A T a further progress update report in relation to the ongoing delivery, and further measures to raise awareness of the use and impact of EHE grants for the support of EHE learners, be received by the Committee in 12 months' time.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the content of the report to enable the Council to scrutinise its legal obligations under the relevant Education legislation to ensure all learners of statutory school age receive a suitable and fulltime education either at school or otherwise.

- (2) Committee are updated on:
- further progress and the likely impact of any implementation of the proposed amended statutory guidance on Home Education and the proposed draft regulations which incorporate the requirement for Local Authorities to maintain a Child Missing Education (CME) database;
 - the progress made in relation to the ongoing delivery, and further awareness raising of the use and impact of the EHE grants for the support of EHE learners and ongoing changes to the expectations; and
 - obligations placed on the Local Authority with regards to EHE learners and learners who may be categorised as CME with a specific focus on those missing their entitlement to an education.

AGENDA ITEM 7. EDUCATION UPDATE ON THE SYRIAN RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMME (DSL) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the progress made in the education remit of the Syrian Resettlement Programme (SRP), in the last 12 months, be noted.

(2) T H A T a further progress update as to ongoing delivery and support of pupils in the SRP and other pupils with refugee status be received by the Committee in 12 months' time.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the content of the report and the legal obligations for the Council under the Education Act 2002 to ensure all pupils of statutory school age receive a suitable and full-time education either at school or otherwise.

(2) The Scrutiny Committee continues to have oversight and awareness of ongoing expectations placed on the Local Authority regarding pupils in the SRP.

AGENDA ITEM 8. GOVERNOR TRAINING REPORT FOR THE 2021/22 ACADEMIC YEAR (DLS) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the annual Governor Training Report for the 2021/22 Academic Year be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the content of the rolling annual report.

AGENDA ITEM 9. 1ST AND 2ND QUARTER SCRUTINY
RECOMMENDATION TRACKING 2022/23 AND UPDATED COMMITTEE
FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME SCHEDULE 2022/23 (CX) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the status of the actions listed in Appendix A to the report be agreed.
- (2) T H A T the updated Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2022/23, as attached at Appendix B to the report, be approved and uploaded to the Council's website.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the content of the report to maintain effective tracking of the Committee's recommendations.
- (2) For public information.