

LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Hybrid Meeting, 27th June, 2024.

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Present: Councillor R.R. Thomas (Chair); Councillors A. Asbrey, S. Campbell, W. Gilligan, E.J. Goodjohn, E. Goodjohn, S.J. Haines, W.A. Hennessy, N.P. Hodges, J. Lynch-Wilson, N.B. Marshallsea and H.M. Payne.

Co-Opted Members: M. Price (Roman Catholic Church), L. Barrowclough (Parent Governor – Primary Sector), G. van der Burgt (Parent Governor – Secondary Sector), G. Scott (Welsh Medium Education), E. Woodfield and I. Da Silva (Vale Youth Council).

Also present: Councillors L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources) and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T Councillor H.M. Payne be appointed Vice-Chair for the Municipal year.

AGENDA ITEM 3. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 11th April, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor E. Goodjohn declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to Agenda Item 6 - Summary of Estyn's Inspections of the Local Authority's Education Service and the Youth Service Spring Term 2024. The nature of the interest was that Councillor Goodjohn was involved in the inspection of the Youth Service. Councillor Goodjohn left the meeting for the duration of the item.

AGENDA ITEM 5. DEVELOPMENT OF THE CORPORATE PLAN 2025-2030, PANEL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE CALENDAR 2024/25 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan Annual Performance Calendar 2024/25 and the proposed approach to engaging with Members be agreed.
- (2) T H A T the comments of the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee be referred to Cabinet, with particular emphasis on the Committee's request for there to be Youth representation on the Panel Performance Assessment.

Reason for recommendations

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6. SUMMARY OF ESTYN'S INSPECTIONS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY'S EDUCATION SERVICE AND THE YOUTH SERVICE SPRING TERM 2024 (DLS) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the outcome of the Estyn Inspections of Education and Youth Services be noted, and the Department be congratulated for the positive inspection report.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7. SUMMARY OF ESTYN INSPECTION OUTCOMES FOR SPRING TERM 2024 AND UPDATE ON SCHOOLS IN STATUTORY FOLLOW-UP (DLS) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the progress of the two schools in Special Measures be noted.
- (2) T H A T the Committee's congratulations be sent to the two schools inspected during the Spring term as there was no Estyn follow up activity.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) In order to forward the Committee's congratulations onto the two schools inspected during the Spring term.

AGENDA ITEM 8. 4TH QUARTER SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION
TRACKING 2023/24 AND PROPOSED ANNUAL FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME
SCHEDULE 2024/25 (DCR) –

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 Cabinet Annual Forward Work Programme for 2024/25 attached at Appendix B, in the context of the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee Annual Forward Work Programme 2024/25 be noted.
- (3) T H A T the Committee's proposed Annual Forward Work Programme schedule for 2024/25, attached at Appendix C, be approved and uploaded to the Council's website.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) To maintain effective tracking of the Committee's recommendations.
- (2) To align with Section 7.6 of the Cabinet and Scrutiny Roles and Responsibilities Protocols.
- (3) For public information.