

LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote meeting, 6th January, 2025.

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Present: Councillor R.R. Thomas (Chair); H.M. Payne (Vice-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 and N.B. Marshallsea.

Co-Opted Members: Dr. M. Price (Roman Catholic Church), G. Van Der Burgt (Parent Governor – Secondary Sector) and G. Scott (Welsh Medium Education).

Also Present: Councillors R.M. Birch (Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language), C.P. Franks, G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), Dr. I.J. Johnson and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from M. Werrett (Church in Wales), L. Barrowclough (Parent Governor – Primary Sector), E. Woodfield and I. Da Silva (Vale Youth Council).

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 9th December, 2024 be approved as a correct record, subject that in relation to the Quarter 2 Revenue Monitoring report for 2024/25 Councillor E.J. Goodjohn raised a comment regarding the good value and work provided by the Council Youth Service and also referenced the good work undertaken through the POD activity.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM – CURRICULUM FOR WALES UPDATE – AUTUMN TERM 2024 –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the presentation be noted and officers and invited guests thanked for their update report.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 5. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES ANNUAL PLACEMENTS REVIEW (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the Children and Young People Services Annual Placements Review report be noted.
- (2) T H A T a further Annual Placements Review report be received in December 2025.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) To ensure that Members from the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee have opportunity to consider the matters set out in both the covering report and appended report which related to their portfolio area.

AGENDA ITEM 6. CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING MID-YEAR SUMMARY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the Corporate Safeguarding Mid-Year Summary Report – November 2024 be noted.
- (2) T H A T Cabinet be advised of the view of the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee that it should be a mandatory requirement for all School Governors to undertake safeguarding training.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) To advise Cabinet of the view of the Scrutiny Committee that safeguarding training should be mandatory for all School Governors.

AGENDA ITEM 7. 3RD QUARTER RECOMMENDATION TRACKING
2024/25 AND UPDATED COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME
SCHEDULE 2024/25 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the status of actions listed in Appendices A and B to be the report be agreed.
- (2) T H A T the updated Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2024/25 attached at Appendix C to the report be approved and uploaded to the Council's website.

Reason for recommendations

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