

## LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2025.

The Committee agenda is available [here](#).

The recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Present: Councillor R.R. Thomas (Chair); H.M. Payne (Vice-Chair), Councillors A. Asbrey, 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: M. Werrett (Church in Wales), Dr. M. Price (Roman Catholic Church), L. Barrowclough (Parent Governor – Primary Sector), G. Van Der Burgt (Parent Governor – Secondary Sector), G. Scott (Welsh Medium Education) and E. Woodfield and I Da Silva (Vale Youth Council).

Also Present: Councillors R.M. Birch (Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language), L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), C.P. Franks, G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing) and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

### AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

Thus was received from Councillor S. Campbell.

### AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 be approved as a correct record.

### AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

### AGENDA ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: OVERVIEW OF THE SIGNIFICANT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS SECURED THROUGH LEADERSHIP: HEADTEACHER OF YSGOL GYMRAEG PEN Y GARTH AND EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER FOR PENCOEDTRE AND WHITMORE HIGH SCHOOLS –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the presentations be noted and the Headteachers invited be thanked and congratulated for their good work.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 5. INITIAL BUDGET 2025/26 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2025/26 TO 2029/30 PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTATION (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the contents of the report and the updated financial position for the Council as set out in the report be noted.

(2) T H A t the comments of the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee be referred to Cabinet for its consideration.

Reasons for recommendations

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

AGENDA ITEM 6. DRAFT CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROPOSALS 2025/26 TO 2029/30 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the draft Capital Programme for 2025/26 to 2029/30 be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 7. CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM: ANNUAL LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY REPORT 2023-24 (DLS) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the report attached at Appendix A outlining the impact of the Central South Consortium's work be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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