

City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the Education & Skills Corporate Delivery Committee

Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester Room, Guildhall / MS Teams

Wednesday, 26 April 2023 at 4.00 pm

Present: Councillor M Durke (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s) J P Curtice Y V Jardine Councillor(s) F M Gordon S Pritchard Councillor(s) S Joy T M White

Officer(s)

Gareth Borsden Stephen Holland Sarah Hughes Helen Morgan-Rees Melissa Perry Democratic Services Officer Principal Solicitor Team Manager for Education Strategy Director of Education Solicitor

Also present

Councillor R V Smith – Cabinet Member for Education & Learning

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): B Hopkins and L R Jones

43 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City & County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

44 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Education and Skills Development Committee held on 22 March 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

45 Leadership, Inclusion and Governance: Building Excellence in Swansea Schools.

Sarah Hughes presented a report which summarised and outlined an overview of the work of the Education & Skills Corporate Delivery Committee for 2022-2023.

The three main topics covered and discussed during the year were:

• Strengthening School Leaders

- Attendance and Inclusion
- Strengthened and Effective School Governance

The various reports, presentations and evidence provided at the numerous meetings of the CDC were outlined and detailed in the report.

Members of the committee discussed the report and asked questions and made comments regarding the contents.

The Officer, Director and Cabinet Member responded accordingly to the issues and points raised, and answered the questions raised regarding the implementation of the new policies.

Members proposed the following additions to the report: 2.11 – add a signposting link to online procurement information and advice; 4.5 – add 'in school' induction session for new governors.

The Chair thanked all of the Officers for their contributions to the committee over the past year which has resulted in the report before Members today, which will now proceed to Cabinet once all the associated documents are finalised and available.

Resolved that

1. That the draft report with the 2 additions outlined above be approved and referred to a future meeting of Cabinet when all three policy area documents are ready.

2. Cabinet be asked to approve the policy development initiatives set out under section 5 of this report.

The meeting ended at 4.34 pm

Chair