

## CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

### NOTICE OF MEETING

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

### EDUCATION AND YOUNG PEOPLE CABINET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**At:** Committee Room 5, Guildhall, Swansea

**On:** Wednesday, 11 January 2017

**Time:** 4.00 pm

**Chair:** Councillor Des Thomas

#### Membership:

Councillors: J P Curtice, C R Doyle, C R Evans, M B Lewis, H M Morris, R V Smith, C Thomas and L V Walton

### AGENDA

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- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.  
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- 3 Minutes. 1 - 3  
  
To approve & sign the Minutes of the previous meeting(s) as a correct record.
- 4 Proposals for Engaging with Young People and with Parents.  
(Verbal) (Jane Whitmore)
- 5 Good Practice in Supporting Young People into Employment.  
(Verbal) (Gavin Evans)
- 6 Cynnydd Project. (Verbal) (David Bawden /Tracey Nichols)
- 7 Workplan. 4 - 5

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 8 February 2017 at 4.00 pm



**Huw Evans**  
Head of Democratic Services  
4 January 2017

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## CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

### MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION AND YOUNG PEOPLE CABINET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 5, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON  
WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 4.00 PM

**PRESENT:** Councillor D W W Thomas (Chair) Presided

**Councillor(s)**  
C R Doyle

**Councillor(s)**  
M B Lewis

**Councillor(s)**  
R V Smith

**Officers:**

Katie Miller – Pentrehafod Comprehensive  
Jennifer Ford - Pentrehafod Comprehensive  
Wendy Williams - Careers Wales  
G Borsden – Democratic Services

**Apologies for Absence**

Councillor(s): J P Curtice and L V Walton

33 **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.**

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

34 **MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

35 **PRESENTATION FROM PENTREHAFOD SCHOOL - PENTREHAFOD  
ALTERNATIVE CURRICULUM AND EDUCATION (PACE) SCHEME.**

Katie Miller (PACE Co-ordinator) and Jennifer Ford (Headteacher) from Pentrehafod Comprehensive gave Members a presentation on the PACE project that is in operation at the school. The presentation followed on from the site visit undertaken to the School by Members in September.

They gave a detailed and informative power point presentation to the Committee, which included information on the following areas:

- The background history, context and overriding principles behind the development and introduction of the scheme
- The main ambitions of the scheme
- The identification and referral mechanisms for pupils
- The early and continuing intervention provisions, better tracking and monitoring of both academic achievement and social welfare issues
- Key Stage 3 provision and identification of trigger points
- Key Stage 4 provision and positive use of venue outside of school premises

- Year 7/8 nurture provision and extra support
- Positive outcomes and impact of the scheme on attendance, qualifications, social wellbeing etc

Members asked questions of the Officers who responded accordingly, particularly around the following areas:

- importance of alternative curriculum
- development of young people's social skills and general wellbeing
- dramatic increase of attendance of the young people involved in the scheme from around 60% to in excess of 90%
- importance of building pupils aspirations
- increase in academic qualifications
- all KS4 pupils getting post 16 provision offers
- young people's involvement in local community projects
- no young people involved in the scheme ended up as NEETs
- proposals for the continuance and development of the scheme as part of the schools wider refurbishment programme
- "whole" school improvement from scheme
- project being seen as good practice and copied/ implemented in other schools
- current diversity and make up of school
- need to continue to develop and strengthen links with feeder primary schools and parents

## 36 **CAREERS WALES - DISCUSSION ON JOB READINESS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.**

Wendy Williams (Careers Wales Area Manager for Swansea, Neath Port Talbot & Powys) gave an verbal presentation to Members on the background work carried out by the service with young people across the area.

She referred to the major funding and organisational changes that the service had undertaken in the past few years. She indicated she would circulate further details of the revised service to Members electronically following the meeting.

She stated that the service now concentrates on young people that are most at risk of becoming disaffected/NEET.

The service uses both the VAP data, and the Year 10 Career Check Survey as a starting point for providing enhanced one to one guidance and support. This expert advice and support can be provided in person, by telephone and via the internet.

Careers Advisors now generally look after two or three schools but continue to give support to pupils and parents via careers/parents evenings etc, this is supported by the Careers and World at Work advisors.

She detailed the links the service has with employers and referred to the feedback they give regarding young people's employability skills. The involvement with the new Business Class pilot scheme, which four Swansea schools are involved in, was also outlined. This scheme has a three year commitment.

She referred to the Opportunity Awareness Scheme for Apprentices and work based learning that they promote and the involvement of young people who also promote and explain such schemes to their peers as an alternative to college/university.

She also referred to and distributed information on the Cynnyd scheme that is delivered via European Funding across the area.

The services involvement in providing assistance and information to Tier 3 young people who have left school and are seeking employment or training was also outlined, such as visits to local firms, mock interviews, assistance with application forms etc.

The recently established Tackle Project with the four regional rugby regions was also outlined.

Members discussed the issues raised and asked various questions of the officer who responded accordingly.

The meeting ended at 5.05 pm

**CHAIR**

# Agenda Item 7

## Education & Young People Cabinet Advisory Committee – 11 January 2017

### WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Lead</b>
8 June 2016	Feedback on VAP Data. Literacy Advisor	Lindsay Harvey Sharon Jones
13 July 2016	Update on European Projects EOTAS Legal Update VAP Data Proposed Visit to Pentrehafod Comp	Paul Relf Nick Williams Mike Jones Chair
10 August 2016	Careers Wales to attend re Job Readiness Feedback from School Use of VAP Data. NEETs School Figures	Deferred Lindsay Harvey Jo-Ann Walsh
14 September 2016	Visit to Pentrehafod Comp (1pm) Careers Wales to attend re Job Readiness Proposals for Engaging with Young People and with Parents	Chair Deferred Jane Whitmore
12 October 2016	VAP Data Training (3.00pm) Tier 1 Outreach Workers Youth Offending Team	Mike Jones Gavin Evans Richard Henderson
9 November 2016	Presentation from Pentrehafod School Careers Wales to attend re Job Readiness	Katie Miller Wendy Williams (CW)
14 December 2016	Meeting Cancelled	
11 January 2017	Proposals for Engaging with Young People and with Parents Good Practice in Supporting Young	Jane Whitmore Gavin Evans

	People into Employment Cynnydd Project	David Bawden /Tracey Nicholls
8 February 2017	Update on European Projects	Paul Relf
8 March 2017		
5 April 2017		
Future/Ongoing Topics	Discussion with Secondary Heads Group (SCASH)  Another School Visit (tbc)	