

Education Scrutiny Performance Panel Work Programme 2023/2024

Date	Items to be discussed	Who invited
Meeting 1 15 Jun 23 4.00pm	1. Additional Learning Needs Reform Annual Update (watching brief item) (Kate Phillips and Alison Lane) 2. New Curriculum for Wales Annual Update (watching brief item) (David Thomas) 3. Estyn Inspection – progress with recommendations (Sarah Hughes) 4. Key issues affecting education 2023/24 (Helen Morgan Rees) then discuss draft Work Programme for 2023/24	Cabinet Member and Director Relevant officers
Meeting 2 13 Jul 23 4.00pm	1. Managing and Improving School Attendance including data 2. Managing and Improving School Exclusions including data (Kate Phillips and Helen Howells)	Cabinet Member and Director
Meeting 3 14 Sep 23 4.00pm	1. Looked after Children, support and progress in school (Kate Phillips and Helen Howells) 2. Following up on the 10 CDC recommendations (referred from Education Cabinet Development Committee) (Sarah Hughes) 3. Feedback from Partneriaeth Scrutiny Councillor Group	Cabinet Member and Director Convener
Meeting 4 19 Oct 23 4.00pm	Schools Session and Site Visit 1 – Gorseinon Primary School School Development Plan <i>(Pre-meeting with School Improvement Advisor 18 Oct)</i>	
Meeting 5 23 Nov 23 4.00pm	1. Reducing disadvantage in Schools, including pupil development grant, roll out of free school meals, cost of the school day and school uniform (Kelly Small) 2. School Improvement Service Annual Update (David Thomas) 3. Cookery in Schools (Rhodri Jones)	Cabinet Member and Director
Meeting 6 14 Dec 23 4.30pm	1. Annual Education Performance against identified priorities (RAG) including Estyn Inspection recommendations progress update (Sarah Hughes) and Cabinet Member Q&A 2. Feedback from Partneriaeth Scrutiny Councillor Group	Cabinet Member and Director Convener
Meeting 7 18 Jan 24 4.30pm	Introducing the New Curriculum for Wales – a meeting with a Secondary School and its Cluster Primaries – Gowerton Comprehensive School cluster. <i>(Pre-meeting with School Improvement Advisor on 17 Jan at 4.30pm)</i>	Headteachers and Chairs of Governors
Meeting 8 12 Feb 24 3pm	Annual Council Budget as it relates to education matters	Cabinet Member and Director
Meeting 9 19 Feb 24 4.00pm	School Organisation - Amalgamation of special schools in Swansea	Cabinet Member and Director

Meeting 10 22 Feb 24 4.00pm	Schools Session 2 – Clydach Primary School School Development Plan. Confirmed (<i>Pre-meeting with School Improvement Advisor 20</i>)	Headteacher and Chair of Governors
Meeting 13 Mar 24 4.00pm	Schools Session and Visit 3 – Bishopston Comprehensive School Postponed until July 2024	Headteacher and Chair of Governors
Meeting 11 18 Apr 24 4.00pm	1. Religion, Values and Ethics Education (Jennifer Harding-Richards) 2. Hearing the Voices of Children and Young People (Rhodri Jones) 3. Education Other Than At School services (EOTAS) Annual Update (Kate Phillips)	Cabinet Member and Director
Meeting 12 9 May 24 4.00pm	1. Quality in Education (QEd) / Sustainable Communities for Learning Update (Louise Herbert-Evans) 2. Swansea Skills Partnership Annual Update (David Bawden) 3. End of year review in Education Scrutiny	Cabinet Member and Director
New municipal year 2024/2025		
Meeting 1 20 Jun 24 4.30pm	1. Overview of key issues in education 2024/2025 2. Work Planning – discussing and agreeing the work programme for 2024/2025 – <i>discussion by Panel members</i>	Cabinet Member and Director
Meeting 2 11 Jul 24 4.00pm	Schools Session and Visit 1 – Bishopston Comprehensive School To discuss School Development Plan (<i>pre-meeting with School Improvement Advisor tba</i>)	Headteacher and Chair of Governors

To be added when we have more information from Welsh Government: Performance in Swansea Schools – Swansea Education Directorate/Cabinet Member and Partneriaeth (Annual) - Partneriaeth Legal Agreement says 'Each Council's scrutiny committee for children's and education services will meet at least once a year to consider performance and progress in their schools such meetings to be attended by Council and PARTNERIAETH staff equipped to answer questions'.

The Panel will also receive relevant individual school Estyn reports as they are published, along with any other reports or information relevant to Education Scrutiny.

Background

Cllr Robert Smith, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning
Helen Morgan Rees, Director of Education

The Officers listed in above timetable and their roles:

Sarah Hughes (Head of Education Strategy)

Rhodri Jones (Head of Achievement and Partnership Service)

Kate Phillips (Head of Vulnerable Learners)

Alison Lane (Head of Additional Learning Needs Team)

Kelly Small (Head of Planning and Resources Team)

David Thomas (Principal School Improvement Officer)

Karin Jenkins (Head of Swansea Music)

Amanda Taylor (Head of PRU and BSU)

Jennifer Harding-Richards (Religion, Values and Ethics Adviser)

Louise Herbert-Evans (Team Manager Capital)

Lisa Collins (Child Protection and Safeguarding Officer – Vulnerable Learners)

Helen Howells (Team Manager Pupil Support – Vulnerable Learners)