

Councillor Mo Sykes  
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Panel

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Dear Councillor Sykes

**SCHOOLS SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE PANEL – 18 OCTOBER 2017**

Thank you for your letter dated 9 November 2017.

**Question**

1. We would like you to look into how schools and the local authority are including others, like for example, the private sector and the university in moving the Digital Competence Framework for schools forward in order to ensure that our up and coming pupils are being prepared for the employment opportunities that the City Deal will offer.

**Response**

Currently, all schools within Swansea are planning and implementing the Digital Competence Framework (DCF) across the curriculum. This has involved using mapping tools provided by Welsh Government (WG), ensuring all strands with the DCF are taught throughout the school year and within at least one subject/curriculum area. The local authority (LA) has contributed to an Education through Regional Working (ERW) Menu of Support for the delivery of DCF skills and a comprehensive training package is on offer to schools. The training will upskill staff and enable them to deliver the required skills for the correct age ranges and abilities of the pupils. If this is successfully embedded teachers and pupils will be upskilled.

It is evident that schools have utilised some training providers to help deliver some of the skills required for the pupils, such as Technocamps which is part of Swansea University. This should be developed further in light of the opportunities that the City Deal will offer.

To this end, a contact list of local businesses and training providers will be created by the LA and distributed to all schools which details the training or skills that the provider can offer. The idea of a resource bank has been received positively by Headteachers/DCF Co-ordinators as schools are always looking for innovative ways to enthuse their pupils. Engaging with businesses and further education will encourage pupils to continue their education and gain the necessary skills required.

**Question**

2. Can you inform us of the outcome of the Band B submission to Welsh Government once it is available?

**Response**

We are still awaiting a formal statement from Welsh Government and will update as soon as we know.

Yours sincerely



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