

Schools Scrutiny Performance Panel

A summary of the year and planning for the year ahead

Firstly, can the Panel members have a think about the following questions in relation to their year on the Schools Scrutiny Performance Panel to help inform future work?

1. What has gone well?	
2. What has not gone so well?	
3. Has the Panels work programme been focused on the right things?	
4. What have we learned that will help us with future education scrutiny?	

Summary of the Year 2018 – 2019

See below a summary of the year of scrutiny activity carried out by the Schools Performance Panel:

Schools Scrutiny Performance Panel 14 times, sending 12 Conveners letters to Cabinet member for Education Improvement, Learning and Skills. The Councillor attendance across the Panel was 61% on average across the year.

1. Topics suggested to Panel for scrutiny this year

Topics that had been identified for Scrutiny in the year 2018/19 and whether which were completed by the panel are detailed as follows

- ✓ Key issues in Education for coming year 2018/2019
- ✓ Challenge session with 3 to 4 schools with one being a good practice example
- ✓ Pre-decision Scrutiny – Ethnic Minority Achievement Service changes
- ✓ Briefing on National Mission for Wales including New Standards for Teaching and Learning
- ✓ Pre-decision Scrutiny of Small Schools Review
- ✓ Education Other Than At School Services (EOTAS) – updates on progress
- ✓ How schools are building capacity to manage behaviour in mainstream
- ✓ Looked After Children Educational Performance
- ✓ Pupil Deprivation Grant (PDG) spending and performance of vulnerable learners
- ✓ Annual Audit of Schools (for information)
- ✓ Annual Education Performance and latest school categorisation data
- ✓ Scrutiny of the Annual Budget as it relates to education matters
- ✓ Performance of School Improvement Service
- ✓ Information on the New Estyn Regime when available

- ✓ Science in Schools
- x Pre-decision scrutiny: Commissioning Review of ALN
- x Post 16 Performance
- x School Transport

2. The Schools that the panel spoke to in 2018/19

- ✓ Gowerton Primary School (Green) Good Practice visit
- ✓ Morriston Primary School (Yellow) Visit to follow up on embedding of improvements
- ✓ Ysgol Crug Glas (Amber) Discuss improvement programme
- ✓ Burlais Primary School (Amber) Discuss improvement programme

3. Data monitoring in 2018/19

Data monitored over the year:

- ✓ Data and commentary on school categorisation
- ✓ Data on school performance (verified data)
- ✓ Progress against Business Plan priorities locally and regionally ERW
- ✓ Looked after Children's Performance, eFSM Pupil Performance and use of PDG

Planning for the year ahead 2019 - 2020

See below some items to schedule for the coming year (also attached is the draft work programme based upon this):

1. Some issues the panel identified but did not get chance to look at last year

- Alternative Learning Needs
- Post 16 Performance
- School Transport

2. Items suggested by Education Department

- Elective Home Education
- Healthy Schools Initiative

3. Items identified for ongoing monitoring

- EOTAS improvements including new building progress
- Progress with the 21st Century Schools Programme
- The New National Mission for Wales including an update on progress with New Standards for Teaching and Learning and the Four Enabling Objectives

4. Annual items

- Schools Scrutiny (choose from school categorisation information)
 - a. 2 x Amber/Red schools: Penclawdd Primary School, 1 other -to be agreed
 - b. 1 x Good Practice (Wellbeing of Pupils) – Visit to Dylan Thomas Community Secondary School
- Data and commentary on school categorisation and data on school performance
- ERW progress with Business Plan
- Performance of Education Improvement Service
- Looked after Children's Educational Performance
- Free School Meal Pupil Performance and use of Pupil Deprivation Grant
- Scrutiny of annual budget as it relates to education matters (Feb 20)
- ERW Regional Scrutiny Councillor Group - updates