



**Report of the Convener of the Education Performance Panel
22 October 2020**

Education Scrutiny Work Planning

Purpose:	To develop a work programme moving forward that will provide ongoing challenge to schools performance to ensure that: pupils in Swansea are receiving high quality education; and the authority is meeting its objectives in relation to improving school standards and pupil attainment.
Content:	Draft Work Programme
Councillors are being asked to:	Discuss and agree the work programme for the remainder of the council year 2020/2021
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Context

The Panel in June each year agree their education scrutiny work programme for the coming council year. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation discussion of the work programme has been delayed. The work programme can now be discussed and agreed for the remainder of the 2020/2021 Council year.

Work Programme 2020/2021

The attached work programme is a combination of issues outstanding from earlier in the year (pre-covid), items the panel look at annually or have chosen to keep a watching brief upon, schools chosen for individual scrutiny and items highlighted to the Panel as key issues by Education Department/Cabinet Member.

Action Required

The Panel are asked to consider and discuss the draft Education Scrutiny Work Programme attached in **Appendix A**, to make any addition/amendments as required and then to agree its contents.

Education Scrutiny Performance Panel DRAFT Work Programme 2020/2021

All meetings will be held at 4.00pm and remotely using Teams

Date	Items to be discussed	Who
Meeting 1 22 Oct 2020	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on implications and the recovery plan resulting from the impact of Covid-19 in Education and Schools (<i>cont'd from meeting in July</i>) 2. Update on the key issues affecting Education more widely 3. Planning the rest of the Council year in Education Scrutiny – Draft Work Programme (for discussion by Panel) 	Cllr J Raynor H Morgan Rees Panel
Meeting 2 19 Nov 2020	School 1 – Waunwen Primary School (<i>part of panels watching brief on Wellbeing in Schools and was on work programme for March 2020</i>) How the school meets the needs of their most vulnerable pupils, the challenges they face and what they do to meet/mitigate those challenges including through the Covid-19 crisis.	Headteacher Ms C Nicklin <i>Confirmed</i>
Meeting 3 17 Dec 2020	Swansea Skills Partnership Annual Audit of Schools (<i>for information item</i>)	Cllr J Raynor H Morgan Rees Members of Partnership
Meeting 4 21 Jan 2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analysis of pupil and school performance (<i>Annual item</i>) 2. Behaviour Strategy and how associated delegated spend to schools has been used (<i>Panel identified this item for scrutiny pre March</i>) 3. PDG summary of spend to support vulnerable pupils (<i>Annual item</i>) 	Cllr J Raynor H Morgan Rees
Meeting 5 Date TBC	Annual Budget as it relates to Educations matters (<i>Annual item</i>)	Cllr J Raynor H Morgan Rees
Meeting 6 25 Feb 2021	School 2 - Penyrheol Comprehensive School – Discuss school performance	Headteacher, Chair of Governors and Challenge Adviser
Meeting 7 18 Mar 2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additional Learning Needs Reform and implementation (<i>watching brief item</i>) 2. New Curriculum update including progress with implementation (<i>watching brief item</i>) 3. The New Estyn Regime and summary of outcomes of thematic reviews 	Cllr J Raynor H Morgan Rees
Meeting 8 22 Apr 2021	School 3 – Morryston Secondary School – Discuss school improvement following Estyn Monitoring	Headteacher, Chair of Governors and Challenge Adviser

Items to be added following the scrutiny work planning conference on the 13 Oct 2020:

1. Children being taken out of school and educated at home (concern that this has increased over recent months, how we are keeping track of this and ensuring children are safeguarded?) - date TBA
2. Education Other Than At Schools Update (EOTAS), including progress with new provision (meeting to be added for May 2021).