

**Report of the Convener of the Education Scrutiny
Performance Panel 17 December 2020**

Swansea Skills Partnership (PSA)

Purpose:	Develop an understanding of the role of the partnership and have roundtable meeting with a cross section of the membership
Content:	Briefing and a roundtable meeting with cross section of partnership members
Councillors are being asked to:	Consider the information provided and make their views known to the Cabinet Member via a Conveners Letter.
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1. Context

The Panel agreed as part of their work programme this year to look at the Swansea Skills Partnership.

2. Swansea Skills Partnership

The Director of Education will give an overview of the Partnership, including its current activity, its work programme and how effectiveness is measured.

The Panel will then have a roundtable discussion with a cross section of the Partnership. Those invited include representatives from Careers Service, Swansea University, University of Wales Trinity St David's, Gower College, Teacher representative from Bishop Gore, ERW along with our Director of Education (Chair), Cabinet Member, 14-19 Education Officer and Leader of Learning Digital Competence.

Find below some issues agreed by the Panel for discussion. These points have been sent to all those invited to consider in readiness for the meeting.

- a) How effective you feel the Partnership is currently?
- b) How engaged are individual organisations in the partnership?
- c) How is the Partnership progressing with its priorities as detailed in its Terms of Reference (attached)?
- d) Some example/s of activities and successes arising from the partnership
- e) How would you like to see the partnership improve/progress moving forward?

Partneriaeth Sgiliau Abertawe (PSA) / Swansea Skills Partnership

Terms of Reference

Purpose of PSA

Provide an effective strategic education partnership comprising senior representatives from a range of organisations across the area, with the aim to make Swansea one of the best places to be educated in the UK.

The main focus will be to support the well-being objective:

Improving Education & Skills – so that every child and young person in Swansea gains the skills and qualifications they need to succeed in life.

The partnership will consider the following priorities:

- Promoting Swansea as a 'Learning City' and as a vibrant city
- To improve outcomes (qualifications and employment) for post 16 education through partnership working
- To minimise duplication of learning provision across Swansea
- To strengthen progression opportunities between partners with a specific focus on employability
- To provide the best advice and guidance for individuals to select a learning pathway
- To build digital capacity aligned to the City Deal

Membership

Local Authority (LA)

Director of Education - Chair
Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Life Long Learning
Head of Achievement and Partnerships
Head of Poverty and Prevention
Head of Economic Development

Further Education (FE) / Higher Education (HE)

Senior representative from Gower College Swansea
Senior representative from Neath Port Talbot Colleges Group
Senior representative from University of Wales Trinity St David's (UWTSD)
Senior representative from Swansea University
Senior representative from Coleg Sir Gar
Senior representative from ERW (Regional Improvement Service)
Senior representative from Careers Wales
Secondary Schools representative
Senior representative from Regional Leadership and Skills Partnership

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