



**Report of the Convener of the Education Scrutiny Performance Panel
18 January 2024**

**Session with the Gowerton Comprehensive School and its
Cluster Primary Schools**

Purpose:	To look at how the cluster is working together to introduce the Curriculum for Wales
Content:	An introduction to the meeting
Councillors are being asked to:	Consider the information discussed at the session and give views to the Cabinet Member via a letter from the Convener
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1. The Meeting

- 1.1 The Senior Strategic Adviser from Partneriaeth Cressy Morgan will attend and give an overview of the support provided by Partneriaeth to the cluster.
- 1.2 The Panel asked to speak to a school cluster in Swansea about their progress with the introduction of the Curriculum for Wales. Invited to attend the Panel today are the Headteachers and Chairs of Governors from the Gowerton Comprehensive School Cluster, as follows:

School	Headteacher	Chair of Governors
Gowerton Comprehensive	Kath Lawlor	Morrison Frew
Gowerton Primary	Iain Ashton	Lyndon Mably
Llanrhidian Primary	Donna Caswell	Jane Houston
Penclawdd Primary	Louisa Reynolds-Milnes	Mark Thomas
Pen-y-Fro Primary	Rachel Lewis	Andrea Hill-Jones
Waunarwydd Primary	Jamie Evans	Rayna Soproniuk

- 1.3 The headline questions sent to the schools in advance of the meeting are:

- a) How is it going so far?
- b) What are you finding most challenging?
- c) How are you supporting your teachers and school staff to transition to the new curriculum?

- d) How are you working together as a cluster to ensure a consistency of approach?**
- e) How do you know how effectively you are implementing the Curriculum for Wales in the Gowerton cluster?**
- f) How are you taking learners along with you on this journey? How is information about the curriculum being shared with the learners? How are the learners responding to the curriculum, particularly those who have had experience of both systems?**
- g) How do you feel about the support you have received from the local authority and Partneriaeth?**

Background papers:

Estyn Reports for each school can be found via the link below

https://www.estyn.gov.wales/inspection-reports?f%5B0%5D=local_authority_lir%3A57