



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Scrutiny Performance Panel – Education**

Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester Room, Guildhall / MS

Teams

Thursday, 20 April 2023 at 4.30 pm

Present: Councillor L R Jones (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

Y V Jardine
F D O'Brien

Councillor(s)

S M Jones
A J O'Connor

Councillor(s)

J D McGettrick

Co-opted Member(s)

Beth Allender

Co-opted Member(s)

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Other Attendees

Robert Smith

Officer(s)

David Bawden	14-19 Curriculum Officer
Sarah Hughes	Team Manager for Education Strategy
Helen Morgan-Rees	Director of Education
Kate Phillips	Head of Vulnerable Learner Service
Michelle Roberts	Scrutiny Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): A Davis, A M Day, B Hopkins, S Joy and S E Keeton
Co-opted Member(s): Elizabeth Lee

46 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None

47 Prohibition of Whipped Votes and Declaration of Party Whips

None

48 Minutes

The minutes of the 13 February 2022 and 16 March where accepted by the Panel.

49 Letter/s

The Cabinet Member response to the letter from the Panel arising from the 19 January 2023 meeting was noted.

50 Public Questions

No public questions were received.

51 Education Other Than At School (EOTAS) Update and feedback from Site Visit to Maew Derw Pupil Referral Unit

The Panel thanked the Cabinet member for Education and Learning, the Director of Education and the Head of Vulnerable Learners Service for presenting a report and discussing issues raised by the Panel.

The Panel also reflected on their site visit to Maes Derw Pupil Referral Unit on the 16 March 2023. The Panel at the end of their visit said they welcomed the design and layout of the new facility and were particularly impressed with the enthusiasm and dedication of all the staff. They felt the work at the PRU was inspiring and the Panel appreciated the difference this is making to the lives of some of the most vulnerable pupils in Swansea.

The Panel thanked the Head Teacher at Maes Derw and the Head of the Vulnerable learners service for their written response to the questions asked following the visit to Maes Derw. The Panel recognised that Maes Derw PRU is just one part of the EOTAS services for pupils and welcomed the update received on the wider EOTAS service. They will put their views following the session in their letter to the Cabinet Member.

52 Hearing the Voices of Children and Young People

The Panel thanked the Cabinet member for Education and Learning, the Director of Education and the Team Manager for Education Strategy for presenting a report and discussing issues raised by the Panel.

The Panel were keen to understand what work is taking place to hear the voices of children and young people about education services and welcomed the comprehensive update provided.

The Panel will detail their views on this session in their letter to the Cabinet Member.

53 Swansea Skills Partnership Update

The Panel thanked the Cabinet member for Education and Learning, the Director of Education and the 14-19 Curriculum Officer for presenting a report and discussing issues raised by the Panel.

The Panel welcomed the progress made by the Swansea Skills Partnership both with regard to building upon relationships with wider education providers and the progress made on the five work streams, as detailed in the report provided. The Panel will detail their views on this session in a letter to the Cabinet Member.

54 Feedback from Partneriaeth Scrutiny Councillor Group

The Panel noted the minutes and letter following a meeting of the Partneriaeth Scrutiny Councillor Group on the 13 February 2023.

55 Work Programme 2022-2023

The Panel reviewed the Work Programme noting the next and last meeting this municipal year will take place on the 11 May 2023.

The meeting ended at 5.40 pm

Chair