



**Dinas a Sir Abertawe**

**Hysbysiad o Gyfarfod**

Fe'ch gwahoddir i gyfarfod

## **Pwyllgor Cyflawni Corfforaethol Addysg a Sgiliau**

**Lleoliad:** Cyfarfod Aml-Leoliad - Ystafell Gloucester, Neuadd y Ddinas / MS Teams

**Dyddiad:** Dydd Mercher, 25 Ionawr 2023

**Amser:** 4.00 pm

**Cadeirydd:** Y Cyngorydd Mike Durke

**Aelodaeth:**

Cyngorwyr: J P Curtice, F M Gordon, B Hopkins, Y V Jardine, L R Jones, S Joy, S Pritchard a/ac T M White

**Gwyllo ar-lein:** <http://bit.ly/3Xr3X1X>

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### **Agenda**

**Rhif y Dudalen.**

- 1 Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb.**
- 2 Derbyn datgeliadau o fuddiannau personol a rhagfarnol.**  
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- 3 Cofnodion.** **1 - 3**  
Cymeradwyo a llofnodi cofnodion y cyfarfod(ydd) blaenorol fel cofnod cywir.
- 4 Presenoldeb a Chynhwysiant. (Llafar)**
- 5 Cynllun Gwaith** **4**

**Cyfarfod nesaf:** Dydd Mercher, 15 Chwefror 2023 am 4.00 pm

**Huw Evans**

**Pennaeth y Gwasanaethau Democraataidd**

**Dydd Mercher, 18 Ionawr 2023**

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**Cyswllt: Gwasanaethau Democraataidd - (01792) 636923**

# Agenda Item 3



City and County of Swansea

## Minutes of the **Education & Skills Corporate Delivery Committee**

**Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester Room, Guildhall / MS**

**Teams**

**Wednesday, 14 December 2022 at 4.15 pm**

**Present:** Councillor M Durke (Chair) Presided

**Councillor(s)**

J P Curtice  
S Joy  
T M White

**Councillor(s)**

F M Gordon  
Y V Jardine  
R V Smith

**Councillor(s)**

L R Jones  
S Pritchard

**Officer(s)**

Gareth Borsden  
Stephen Holland  
Helen Howells  
Sarah Hughes  
Helen Morgan-Rees  
Melissa Perry  
Kate Phillips

Democratic Services Officer  
Principal Solicitor  
Team Manager for Pupil Support  
Team Manager for Education Strategy  
Director of Education  
Solicitor  
Head of Vulnerable Learner Service

**Also present**

Councillor R V Smith - Cabinet Member for Education & Learning

**Apologies for Absence**

Councillor: B Hopkins

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**27 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City & County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

**28 Minutes.**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Education & Skills Corporate Delivery Committee held on 23 November 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record

**29 Attendance & Inclusion.**

Helen Howells and Kate Phillips gave a verbal/powerpoint presentation relating to the background to the draft Inclusion Strategy 2022-2027.

The strategy is linked to and based around the corporate priorities for Education.

The strategy has 5 key priority areas:

- Promoting attendance
- Promoting inclusion
- Embedding effective universal provision while supporting sufficient specialist places
- Embedding a shared inclusion ethos
- Emotional health and psychological wellbeing (EHPW) whole school approach

Attendance – historically in Swansea has been very good and pre pandemic was at 95% for primary and 94.3% in secondary. Swansea was then ranked ninth in Wales for attendance.

The pandemic has obviously impacted on these figures, and Welsh Government did not measure schools on their attendance during the period and fixed penalty notices were not issued either and children were advised not to attend if feeling unwell.

Post pandemic the figures were at 90.1% for primary and 86.6% for secondary, though Swansea was now ranked sixth in Wales. These figures though have improved further during the recent academic term which is to be welcomed and can be confirmed once the term has ended. The drop in attendance figures is a national issue and not confined to Swansea.

Fixed penalty notices have now also been re-introduced by Welsh Government.

The issues caused by the pandemic on children and young people such as loss of routine, bereavement, increased anxiety & mental health issues, rise in challenging behaviours have all impacted on attendance. The rise in poverty and the cost of living crisis is also impacting on attendance figures.

What can we do going forward:

- Review of Education Welfare Service process
- Monthly attendance strategy meetings
- Change in approach from traditional attendance strategies
- Joint production of an updated attendance policy

Members of the committee asked numerous questions and made comments regarding the information highlighted in the presentation to which the Officers, Director and Cabinet Member responded accordingly.

Detailed during the discussion were the potential and possibility for the new strategy to include and be based around current clusters, involvement of governing bodies and young people to develop and promote the initiative, expanded use of external funding monies to employ additional staff in some schools, examples of good practice currently in operation in schools that can be shared.

With the current budgetary pressures facing all local authorities, large increases in funding is unlikely and revised/different/smarter ways of working within current budgets could be the answer going forward.

Officers indicated they would examine all these areas discussed and highlighted before bringing a further report back to committee in the new year.

### **30 Work Plan**

The Chair spoke further to the circulated draft work plan and outlined that the next meeting would again focus on Attendance & Inclusion with a report/presentation building on the information provided and discussions that took place at the meeting today.

The meeting ended at 5.12 pm

**Chair**

### Education & Skills CDC - Work Plan 2023-2023

Meeting Date	Agenda Items
2 June 2022	Workplan Discussion
27 July 2022	Education Department Update Workplan Report & Discussion
28 September 2022	Education Information Update and Corporate Delivery Committee Work Programme 2022-23 Strengthening School Leaders
26 October 2022	Strengthening School Leaders
23 November 2022	Strengthening School Leaders
14 December 2022	Attendance & Inclusion
25 January 2023	Attendance & Inclusion
15 February 2023	Strengthened and Effective School Governance
22 March 2023	Strengthened and Effective School Governance
26 April 2023	

Note: Progress Update on PDC report to Cabinet 21<sup>st</sup> July - Supporting the Challenges for Learners in Recovering from the Pandemic – referred to Education Scrutiny.