



City and County of Swansea

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

Remotely via Microsoft Teams

Thursday, 22 February 2024 at 4.00 pm

Present: Councillor L R Jones (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

M Bailey
F M Gordon
J D McGettrick
B J Rowlands

Councillor(s)

A Davis
B Hopkins
F D O'Brien

Councillor(s)

A M Day
S Joy
A J O'Connor

Other Attendees

Matthew Bailey, Clydach Ward Councillor
Brigitte Rowlands, Clydach Ward Councillor

Officer(s)

Helen Morgan-Rees	Director of Education
Sarah Loydon	School Improvement Adviser
David Thomas	Principal School Improvement Adviser

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): S M Jones
Co-opted Member(s): Beth Allender

131 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

None

132 Prohibition of Whipped Votes and Declaration of Party Whips

None

133 Public Questions

No public questions were received.

134 Schools Scrutiny Session 2 - Clydach Primary School

The Panel welcomed the Deputy/Acting Headteacher Mr Roe, the new Headteacher Mr Jones and the Chair of Governors Mr Nicholds to the meeting.

The Panel agreed at the beginning of the municipal year to meet with three schools to discuss their school improvement plan and Estyn Inspection outcomes. Clydach Primary School was one of those.

The Acting Headteacher and the Chair of Governors provided the Panel with a PowerPoint presentation addressing the four questions sent to the school in advance of the meeting, namely:

1. Can you outline progress with your school improvement plan including progress with Estyn recommendations and introducing the new curriculum?
2. What are the barriers to the school improving its learner outcomes further including any challenges you are experiencing?
3. What are the governing bodies' priorities are and how are they being addressed?
4. How well do you feel you have been supported by the local authority, the school improvement service and Partneriaeth.

The Panel raised the following issues for further discussion

- Have the level/number of staff changes and how many staff are still with you from prior to Nov 2022.
- How are you ensuring parents are being kept informed of progress at the school.
- How good progress and notable improvement has been made at the school since Estyn Inspection.
- Capital investment at the school
- Support the school has received from the Council and Partneriaeth
- Ensuring the schools is taking all teachers on the journey in relation to the curriculum for Wales.
- The next Estyn visit and next steps.

The Panel will put their full thoughts on the discussion had into a letter to the Cabinet Member of Education and Skills.

135 Work Plan for 2023/2024

The Work Plan for 2023/2024 was noted. The meeting on the 13 March 2024 will be moved to a date in July 2024.

The meeting ended at 5.00 pm

Chair