

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

EDUCATION & SKILLS POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY COMMITTEE

At: Committee Room 5, Guildhall, Swansea

On: Wednesday, 9 August 2017

Time: 4.00 pm

Chair: Councillor Robert Smith

Membership:

Councillors: S E Crouch, F M Gordon, B Hopkins, L R Jones, M A Langstone, M B Lewis, C L Philpott, S Pritchard, K M Roberts, M Sykes and D W W Thomas

AGENDA

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- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.
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- 3 Minutes. 1 - 2
To approve and sign the Minutes of the previous meeting(s) as a correct record.
- 4 Overview of City Deal. (Presentation - Phil Holmes)
- 5 Workplan 2017/2018. 3 - 5

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 13 September 2017 at 4.00 pm



Huw Evans
Head of Democratic Services
Wednesday 2 August 2017

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION & SKILLS POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY COMMITTEE

HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 2, CIVIC CENTRE, SWANSEA ON
WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2017 AT 4.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor R V Smith (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

S E Crouch
L R Jones
M Sykes

Councillor(s)

F M Gordon
M A Langstone
D W W Thomas

Councillor(s)

B Hopkins
S Pritchard

Officer(s)

Gareth Borsden
Brian Roles
Chris Sivers
Nick Williams

Democratic Services Officer
Head of Education Planning and Resources
Director of People
Chief Education Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): M B Lewis, C L Philpott and K M Roberts

5 **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.**

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

6 **MINUTES.**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Education & Skills Policy Development & Delivery Committee held on 25 May be approved as a correct record.

7 **TERMS OF REFERENCE.**

The Chair outlined the Terms of Reference for the Committee for information.

Chris Sivers, Director of People outlined to Members the background and rationale behind the introduction of the Policy Development & Delivery Committees (PDDC's).

She indicated that the intention is they will focus on policy development and assurance of delivery, primarily through the Councils Policy Commitments, which are due to be adopted at Council on 27 July 2017. The aim is that the Committees will become a conduit for Members and Officers to work collectively, with a clear Member led approach towards the delivery of the Corporate Priorities.

She detailed the distinct difference between the PDDC's and Scrutiny, and outlined how they are different to the previous CAC's as they will be led by the Corporate Priorities via the Chair and not the Cabinet Member, although close links will of course remain with the Cabinet process and Cabinet Member.

The PDDC's should aim to provide clear outcomes following the submission of research, evidence and information, and should seek to avoid any duplication of workload with the other 4 PDDC's, although joint working could be necessary on some topic areas.

8 **WORKPLAN 2017/2018. (DISCUSSION)**

The Chair re-iterated that the Committee will be able to further discuss and formalise its Work Programme following the adoption of the Corporate Priorities at Council on 27 July 2017.

He indicated he had invited the Chief Education Officer to attend and give the Committee some background information and a brief overview of the Key Performance Indicator Areas for Education.

Nick Williams, Chief Education Officer then detailed, outlined and referred to the following areas:

- National Performance Indicators – 7, 11, 14 & 16 (Foundation Phase, key stage 2, key stage 3 and key stage 4 –GCSEs)
- Post 16
- National reading and numeracy tests
- Attendance monitoring
- Exclusion monitoring
- Need to equip young people with the necessary skills to leave school/college and enter employment
- Impact of the Donaldson review
- Pioneer schools
- Entrepreneur schemes success
- Sharing of good practice amongst schools
- Impact of City Deal
- Need to ensure enough Teacher Training provision is provided going forward
- Continuation/Expansion of current excellent “integration” being carried out

Members discussed the areas above, and asked questions of the Officers who responded accordingly.

The Chair indicated that it would be beneficial for the Committee to receive a overview briefing on the City Deal and its implications for the Education Service going forward at the next meeting, before a wider debate could take place on the Workplan items at the September meeting.

RESOLVED that

- 1) an overview presentation on the City Deal be presented to the August meeting.
- 2) a further discussion on future Workplan items be undertaken at the September meeting.

The meeting ended at 4.30 pm

CHAIR

Education Policy Development & Delivery Committee – 9 August 2017

Work Plan 2017/2018

| Priority Commitments | Achieved by |
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| 5. Provide positive alternatives to traditional exams. As part of the Swansea Bay City Deal and working closely with the Regional Skills and Learning Partnership, we will help all people attain these skills / create apprenticeships and job opportunities so people acquire the skills they need | Production of a report in March 2018 to be presented to Cabinet |
| 6. How do we get coding to become a core part of the teaching syllabus (develop to widen and look at models for schools of the future – roll out of Donaldson review)? | Production of a report in March 2018 to be presented to Cabinet |
| 15. Lead in creating an intelligent knowledge regional network based on a new dynamic relationship with schools, further education colleges, local universities and employers, underpinned by the needs identified in the Swansea Bay City Deal? | |

Calendar for 2017/2018

| Date of meeting | Agenda items and Format | Who is responsible |
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| 9 August | Presentation to introduce City Deal | Phil Holmes |
| 13 September | 1. Outline the current landscape for the agenda, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of the Local Authority • Role of ERW • Estyn • Learning City • New curriculum | NW to organise appropriate contributions |
| 11 October | 1. Regional Learning & Skills Partnership and the City Deal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of the Partnership • Commission for the needs assessment – draft copy for discussion 2. Swansea Learning City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline what it is and feedback from the UNESCO conference | RLSP to be invited to attend (CS to do) Draft commissioning document for discussion (NW to produce) Swansea University to be invited to present (CS to do) |
| 8 November | 1. Children's Views of STEM subjects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and interactive workshop 2. Views from Pioneer Schools | CS to arrange with the Participation Team NW to have conducted a piece of research prior and report to this meeting |
| 13 December | 1. Aligning post-16 provision – challenges and opportunities 2. Impacts on Teacher Training | NW to produce a paper NW to invite universities to present |

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| 10 January 2018 | 1. How can the Council use its resources and capacity to improve the offer to young people? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop style discussion | CS to organise workshop |
| 14 February | 1. Regional Skills Needs Assessment update 2. Research from other authorities on STEM take up | CS to organise RLSP presentation and paper Committee Members to have undertaken research and report back |
| 14 March | 1. Presentation of draft report | CS/NW to produce paper and present |