



## 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 May 2018

**Time:** 4.00 pm

**Chair:** Councillor Robert Smith

**Membership:**

Councillors: S E Crouch, M Durke, F M Gordon, L R Jones, M A Langstone, S Pritchard, K M Roberts, M Sykes and D W W Thomas

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### Agenda

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| <b>5</b> | <b>Workplan 2018/2019. (Discussion)</b>   |              |

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 13 June 2018 at 4.00 pm

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**Huw Evans**  
**Head of Democratic Services**  
**Wednesday, 2 May 2018**

**Contact: Democratic Services - 636824**

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## Minutes of the Education & Skills Policy Development and Delivery Committee

Committee Room 5 - Guildhall, Swansea

Wednesday, 14 March 2018 at 4.00 pm

**Present:** Councillor R V Smith (Chair) Presided

**Councillor(s)**

M Durke  
S Pritchard

**Councillor(s)**

L R Jones  
D W W Thomas

**Councillor(s)**

M A Langstone

**Officer(s)**

Gareth Borsden  
Nick Williams  
Stephanie Williams

Democratic Services Officer  
Chief Education Officer  
Principal Lawyer

**Also Present**

Mark Jones Principal Gower College Swansea

**Apologies for Absence**

Councillor(s): S E Crouch, K M Roberts and M Sykes

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**46 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.**

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

**47 Minutes.**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Education & Skills Policy Development & Delivery Committee held on 14 February 2018 be approved as a correct record.

**48 Input/Views from Young People.**

The Chair, Chief Education Officer and Members of the Committee welcomed the young people and teachers from both Cefn Hengoed Comprehensive and Ysgol Gyfun Gwyr to the meeting.

The Chief Education Officer indicated that he had recently visited both schools and spoke with their respective school councils, and had been so impressed by the young people, he had invited to the meeting to outline their views.

In response to questions from Members the young people and teachers from both schools responded, and outlined the following subject areas at their respective schools:

- Provision and benefits of both after school and lunchtime clubs particularly for subjects like science/computing etc;
- Input of both teachers and careers advisors when choosing subjects at GCSE option and at A level choice time;
- Good information available linking subjects to potential job/career opportunities;
- Importance of IT and new technology going forward;
- Further expansion of IT provision, ie Coding;
- Young people's attitudes to future studies, particularly the STEM subjects;
- Embedding of "employability skills" as part of the Welsh Bac course
- Need to further develop and expand links with local businesses, in particular the Welsh language provision;
- Welcome development of the use of Webinars via Careers Wales;

The Chair thanked the young people and teachers for their attendance and input.

Members discussed the topics and issues raised during their discussion with the young people and referred to the following areas for further information/investigation:

- What provision is available to engage and develop the skills and knowledge of the less academic pupils;
- Parental involvement;
- Issues around provision of transport home for pupils following after school clubs;
- Possible use of regional skills partnership to develop links with Welsh speaking businesses.

#### **49 Mark Jones - Principal Gower College Swansea.**

Mark Jones gave an overview presentation to Members outlining the following areas of Gower College Swansea:

- Context and background to provision of current college courses;
- 1500+ students;
- 45 different A levels, apprenticeships, vocational and higher level courses available;
- Curriculum planning exercise undertaken;
- Annual curriculum review and evaluation procedures in place;
- Information gathering undertaken from various sources and use of market intelligence;
- Engagement with stakeholders & employers;
- New additions to courses on offer - bricklaying, carpentry, cyber security, hybrid vehicle maintenance etc;
- Different start date for courses – September/January;
- Current links with local universities, employers and industry;
- Need to further expand and improve links with businesses and employers in the area:

- Good links with both Neath Port Talbot College and Coleg Sir Gar;
- Recent development of links and provision of courses at Morrision Comprehensive, and potential to roll out in other schools;
- Happy to share and exchange information with Council/Schools etc;
- Ongoing issues with levels of literacy and numeracy levels of young people entering college.

The Chair thanked Mr Jones for his informative presentation.

**50 Aligning 14-19 Provision - Data on Courses Available in Swansea.**

Nick Williams presented a report which summarised the details of the numbers of students attending the various STEM subject courses in Swansea schools at both GSCE and A level.

Mark Jones indicated he would be able to provide the statistics for the college relating to A level provision there.

Members requested further information and statistics on the non STEM subjects.

**Resolved** that further figures as outlined above be presented to the next meeting.

**51 Partneriaeth Sgiliau Abertawe (PSA) / Swansea Skills Partnership**

Nick Williams outlined and presented the draft terms of reference for the newly established Partnership group.

The formation of the group had been highlighted as an area for development in the committee's city deal report last year as a conduit between the Authority and the RLSP.

**Resolved** that the draft terms of reference be approved and the Chief Education Officer report back later in the year on the progress made by the new group

**52 Apprenticeship Update.**

The Chair reported that he had requested updated figures on the number of apprentices currently employed by the Authority.

The information should hopefully be available at the next meeting and could be linked with the information to be supplied from Gower College Swansea.

**53 Research from Other Authorities on STEM Subjects. (Verbal Updates from Members)**

Councillor L R Jones reported on several ideas he had researched from Authorities in England such as a "festival of learning", "coding club" and a "mentoring scheme with local businesses".

He indicated he was awaiting written correspondence on the issues.

Councillor M Durke referred to a IT project undertaken by UWTSD which worked with schools and involved lego and the theme of "learning through enjoyment".

Mark Jones outlined the science/engineering event held recently at the college and the various projects that the college is involved in with local schools, he indicated he would liaise with the Chief Education Officer on these.

**54 Workplan 2017/2018.**

The Chair outlined the Workplan for the Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2017/2018.

The need for further data to be provided to the next meeting on the GSCE/A level courses available was outlined.

A review of the Committees work over the municipal year and planning for next year's topics would also be needed,

**Resolved** that the Workplan as outlined, subject to the comments above be noted.

The meeting ended at 5.40 pm

**Chair**

# Summary of Examination Entry Numbers 2017

Table 1 : GCSE Subjects (Year 11)

Subject	Exam Type	Birchgrove	Bishop Gore	Bishop Vaughan	Bishopston	Cefn Hengoed	Dylan Thomas	Gowerton	Morrison	Olechfa	Pentrefhafod	Penyrheol	Pontarddulais	YG Bryn Tawe	YG Gwyr	EOTAS	Grand Total
Additional Applied Science	Full Course	53										133					186
Additional Maths	Full Course	8	31	11	61			30	25	51			19	7			243
Additional Science	Full Course	24	24	36	116	56	18	100	94	115	176	22	101	54	115	1	1052
Applied Business	Full Course			6	2					51	68			17			144
Arabic	Full Course		4				1		1	6							12
Arabic	Short Course			3						1							4
Art & Design	Full Course	31	12	95	53	52	29	36	64	33	84	45	22	11	38	16	621
Art & Design	Short Course							2									2
Bengali	Short Course		7			3				1	12						23
Biology	Full Course	21	60	165	84		4	42		82		33	10	26			527
Business Studies	Full Course				63		11			24		47			16		161
Catering	Full Course			8	1			20						10			39
Chemistry	Full Course	21	60	165	84		4	53		82		33	10	26			538
Chinese	Full Course									1							1
Chinese	Short Course									1							1
Citizenship Studies	Full Course									26							26
Computer Science	Full Course		27		36			12	27	46	17	25			19	1	210
Computing	Full Course	3															3
Construction	Full Course	6			6		1		20	6				10			49
Design & Technology - Food	Full Course											17					17
Design & Technology - Graphics	Full Course			8		13		13		19	21		20				94
Design & Technology - Product Design	Full Course							29		26							55
Design & Technology - Resistant Materials	Full Course	21	18		36	18	15	7			21	40		13	54		243
Design & Technology - Systems	Full Course				8												8
Design & Technology - Textiles	Full Course		19		5				24				1				49
Drama	Full Course		20	15	25					10		23		8			106
Dutch	Full Course		1														1
Electronics	Full Course			19										17	13	7	56
English Language	Full Course	99	196	223	220	121	101	175	177	242	192	191	161	108	116	40	2367
English Literature	Full Course	52	150	58	186	17	16	136	144	233		180	109	87	105	2	1475
Film Studies	Full Course							26									26
French	Full Course	16	10	20	43	10		21	19	12	21	14	22	10	24		242
Geography	Full Course	14	22	81	81	15	22	57	35	48	24	53	42	34	20		548
German	Full Course										8			6	14		28
Greek	Full Course		1														1
Health & Social Care	Full Course			32	4		1	24		20	4			14	21		120
History	Full Course	36	52	100	102	26		52	65	84	59	68	35	43	29		751
Home Economics - Child Development	Full Course	24				25	15			17	13	45					139

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Home Economics - Food	Full Course	16				17				15	25		18				91
Hospitality	Full Course			1	26		22				9						58
Humanities	Full Course		21														21
ICT	Full Course	31			67	41	52	43	17	26	12	58	95	47		8	497
ICT	Short Course	7			3							1	2			9	22
Italian	Full Course		3														3
Latin	Full Course			5	12												17
Latin	Short Course			6	3												9
Leisure & Tourism	Full Course			2	4						15						21
Mathematics	Full Course	99	195	224	221	120	100	176	176	241	189	190	160	109	117	38	2355
Mathematics - Legacy	Full Course	1															1
Mathematics - Numeracy	Full Course	97	193	224	221	119	93	176	172	243	190	193	162	109	117	14	2323
Media Studies	Full Course	20	33		35	8						50			18	2	166
Music	Full Course	2	4	13	23			22	3	13		14	10	6	3		113
Panjabi	Short Course		1														1
Performing Arts	Full Course	7			25	7	20		20		24						103
Physical Education	Full Course	17	41	44	70	6	17	39	27	52	37	50	56	19	32		507
Physical Education	Short Course						4	2			11		3				20
Physics	Full Course	21	60	165	84		4	42		82		33	10	26			527
Polish	Full Course	1		11		1	3	4		1							21
Polish	Short Course						1		1								2
Portuguese	Full Course		1		1	2						1					5
Portuguese	Short Course				1												1
Psychology	Full Course				20												20
Religious Studies	Full Course	27	46	216	33	120		23	86	1	150	26	119	4	23		874
Religious Studies	Short Course	51	130	3				113	8	212	34	1	20		5	2	579
Russian	Full Course											1					1
Russian	Short Course											1					1
Science	Full Course	95	129	57	135	56	86	130	105	110	191	158	149	55	117	16	1589
Sociology	Full Course		63	26						23							112
Sociology	Short Course		1								11						12
Spanish	Full Course		27	21	27			7		48			24				154
Sport	Full Course	11															11
Tourism & Leisure	Full Course													12			12
Turkish	Full Course						1										1
Turkish	Short Course				1		1										2
Urdu	Full Course		1														1
Urdu	Short Course		1	1							1						3
Welsh First Language	Full Course													108	117		225
Welsh Literature	Full Course													103	104		207
Welsh Second Language	Full Course	18	18	24	13	113		8	70	206	61	16	131				678
Welsh Second Language	Short Course	64	155	156	142		81	63	6	21	87	137					912

# Summary of Examination Entry Numbers 2017

Table 2 : A2 Subjects (Year 13)

Subject	Olchfa	Morrison	Bishop Gore	Gowerton	Gwyr	Bryn Tawe	Bishop Vaughan	Gower College	Totals
Accounting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	34
Ancient History	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	19
Arabic	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	7
Archaeology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Art & Design	14	10	4	5	0	3	9	0	45
Art & Design - Craft	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Art & Design - Fine Art	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25
Art & Design - Graphics	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	59
Art & Design - Photography	0	4	0	6	0	0	3	36	49
Art & Design - Textiles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
Biology	43	12	3	16	10	11	31	113	239
Business Applied	0	0	0	0	12	6	0	0	18
Business Studies	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	129
Chemistry	33	7	8	13	14	10	32	103	220
Chinese	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Classical Civilisation	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	16	21
Computer Science	12	9	0	5	1	0	2	24	53
Computing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Dance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
Design & Technology	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Design & Technology	6	1	0	3	9	4	5	0	28
Drama and Theatre Studies	6	0	5	0	3	4	0	28	46
Economics	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Economics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	39
Electronics	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	37	41



<b>Subject</b>	<b>Olchfa</b>	<b>Morrison</b>	<b>Bishop Gore</b>	<b>Gowerton</b>	<b>Gwyr</b>	<b>Bryn Tawe</b>	<b>Bishop Vaughan</b>	<b>Gower College</b>	<b>Totals</b>
English Language & Literature	17	11	5	0	1	4	6	70	<b>114</b>
English Literature	29	0	16	8	10	15	0	50	<b>128</b>
Environmental Studies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	<b>8</b>
Film Studies	8	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	<b>13</b>
French	1	0	0	0	4	1	0	17	<b>23</b>
Further Mathematics	13	4	3	0	4	1	0	26	<b>51</b>
Geography	30	9	8	14	0	5	4	66	<b>136</b>
Geology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	<b>11</b>
Government & Politics	7	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	<b>19</b>
Government & Politics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	<b>52</b>
Health & Social Care	8	0	0	0	13	13	0	36	<b>70</b>
History	30	49	4	16	6	17	13	55	<b>190</b>
ICT	9	16	8	0	0	0	0	35	<b>68</b>
ICT - Applied	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	<b>11</b>
Japanese	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Law	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	<b>58</b>
Mathematics	87	34	12	15	15	19	12	162	<b>356</b>
Media Studies	7	9	10	0	1	5	3	20	<b>55</b>
Music	0	0	2	0	2	1	3	18	<b>26</b>
Music Technology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	<b>16</b>
Performing Arts	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
Philosophy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	<b>10</b>
Physical Education	11	0	0	0	1	8	5	20	<b>45</b>
Physics	34	11	6	4	8	5	6	46	<b>120</b>
Polish	0	4	0	0	0	1	2	0	<b>7</b>
Psychology	15	3	13	4	8	5	15	103	<b>166</b>
Pure Mathematics	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	<b>9</b>
Religious Studies	0	0	11	5	9	5	25	31	<b>86</b>
Russian	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	<b>4</b>

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Olchfa</b>	<b>Morrison</b>	<b>Bishop Gore</b>	<b>Gowerton</b>	<b>Gwyr</b>	<b>Bryn Tawe</b>	<b>Bishop Vaughan</b>	<b>Gower College</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Sociology	23	7	17	0	0	0	14	65	<b>126</b>
Spanish	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	9	<b>16</b>
Travel & Tourism	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>7</b>
Welsh First Language	0	0	0	0	7	11	0	0	<b>18</b>
Welsh Second Langu	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	<b>13</b>
World Development	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	<b>32</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>1655</b>	<b>3203</b>