



City and County of Swansea

Notes of the **Scrutiny Performance Panel – Schools**

Council Chamber - Guildhall, Swansea

Monday, 11 February 2019 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillor L R Jones (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

A M Day
D W Helliwell
J A Raynor

Councillor(s)

S J Gallagher
L James
L J Tyler-Lloyd

Councillor(s)

L S Gibbard
M A Langstone

Co-opted Member(s)

D Anderson-Thomas

Co-opted Member(s)

A Roberts

Co-opted Member(s)

Other Attendees

Jennifer Raynor

Cabinet Member - Education Improvement, Learning & Skills

Officer(s)

Mark Sheridan

Head of Vulnerable Learner Service / Interim Director of Education

Brian Roles

Head of Education Planning and Resources

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): C Anderson, M Durke, F M Gordon, B Hopkins, S M Jones, H M Morris and M Sykes

1 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

Cllrs Louise Gibbard, Steven Gallagher and David Helliwell declared a personal interest in Item 4

2 Conveners Letters and Notes from previous meetings

Received

3 Annual Budget Proposals - as they relate to Education matters

The Panel met with Cllr Jennifer Raynor, Mark Sheridan and Brian Roles to discuss the Annual Budget as it relates to education matters.

The following points were highlighted by the panel and will be fed into the Service Improvement and Finance Scrutiny Panel who will compile a response to Cabinet on the 14 February.

- The Panel were pleased to see that education has 'relative prioritisation' in the budget again this year.
- The Panel were concerned about the impact of the cost of the increase in teachers pensions not being covered (at present) by the UK Government. The panel want to ensure that Cabinet are doing everything possible to ensure that schools are not disadvantaged by this substantial amount.
- The Panel were pleased to hear that the school music service will receive extra funding this year from Welsh Government and were keen to emphasise the importance of pupils being able to access and be engaged in music.
- The Panel were pleased to hear about the planned improved clarity and transparency of grant funding that is distributed via ERW but they are keen for these improvements to be monitored moving forward.

4 Work Programme 2018-2019

Received

5 For Information Item

Noted

The meeting ended at 4.15 pm