



Dinas a Sir Abertawe

## Cofnodion Cyfarfod y **Panel Perfformiad Craffu - Addysg**

O bell drwy Microsoft Teams

Dydd Llun, 14 Chwefror 2022 am 3.00 pm

**Yn Bresennol:** Y Cynghorydd L R Jones (Cadeirydd) oedd yn llywyddu

**Y Cynghorydd(wyr)**

C Anderson  
B Hopkins  
R V Smith

**Y Cynghorydd(wyr)**

S J Gallagher  
L James  
L J Tyler-Lloyd

**Y Cynghorydd(wyr)**

D W Helliwell  
S M Jones

**Aelod Cyfetholedig**

D Anderson-Thomas

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**Hefyd yn bresennol**

Robert Smith

Aelod y Cabinet - Gwellu Addysg, Dysgu a Sgiliau

**Swyddog(ion)**

Helen Morgan-Rees  
Brian Roles  
Michelle Roberts

Cyfarwyddwr Addysg  
Pennaeth Cynllunio ac Adnoddau Addysg  
Swyddog Craffu

**Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb**

Y Cynghorydd(wyr): A M Day ac M A Langstone

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**1 Datgeliadau o fuddiannau personol a rhagfarnol.**

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**2 Gwahardd Pleidleisiau Chwip a Datgan Chwipiau'r Pleidiau**

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**3 Cofnodion**

Derbyniwyd y llythyrau a'r cofnodion gan y panel.

**4 Cwestiynau gan y Cyhoedd**

Ni ofynnwyd unrhyw gwestiynau gan y cyhoedd.

## **5 Y gyllideb flynyddol fel y mae'n berthnasol i faterion addysg**

The Panel thanked the Cabinet Member Cllr Robert Smith, the Director Helen Morgan Rees and the Head of Education Planning and Resources Brian Roles for the comprehensive presentation and attending the panel to discuss the issues.

The following points from the discussion will be forwarded to the Service Improvement and Finance Scrutiny Performance Panel for discussion and inclusion in their letter giving feedback on scrutiny views of this year's Annual Budget proposals.

1. The Panel welcomed the increase in the budget provision for schools for the next year but noted that the funding is heavily weighted to year 1 2022/23. We share the departments concerns in relation to the clarity of funding for schools in years 2 and 3.
2. The Panel heard that individual school reserves are currently at a high level. We did recognise that this is a positive thing given the challenges coming in years 2 and 3, but we agreed that this means the schools must be encouraged to have good medium term spending plans, in order for this to be used effectively.
3. The Panel did have concerns regarding the potentially inadequate funding from Welsh Government for:
  - a. Phased roll out of Free School Meal provision to all primary pupils
  - b. The emerging implications of the Additional Learning Needs Act.
4. The Panel raised concerns about the potential change to the proxy measure that is based upon Free School Meal allocation which is the indicator used for extra funding in schools for vulnerable pupils like, for example, the allocation of the Pupil Development Grant and the School Uniform Grant. The Panel would be keen to see how this will be addressed in upcoming policy changes from Welsh Government, so vulnerable children do not lose out.
5. The Panel were concerned about the rising energy costs for schools and would like to see schools switching to more green solutions, where it is feasible.
6. The Panel welcomed the high level of delegated spend that has been maintained by Swansea Council. Hearing that this coming year will be 83% and will increase to 85% in 2024/25.

## **6 Cynllun Gwaith 2021-2022**

Cytunodd y panel i aildrefnu'r eitem ar ddisgyblion sy'n geiswyr lloches ac yn ffoaduriaid i'r cyfarfod a gynhelir ar 15 Mawrth 2022.

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 3.45 pm

**Cadeirydd**