



City and County of Swansea

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

Bishopston Comprehensive School, The Glebe, Bishopston,  
Swansea SA3 3JP

Thursday, 19 September 2024 at 4.00 pm

**Present:** Councillor L R Jones (Chair) Presided

**Councillor(s)**

S M Jones  
A J O'Connor

**Councillor(s)**

S Joy

**Councillor(s)**

F D O'Brien

**Co-opted Member(s)**

Beth Allender

**Other Attendees**

Cllr Robert Smith

Alison Sykes

Andrew Thomas

Jon Roper

Additional Senior Staff:

Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher

Chair of Governors

Claire Ratty, Claire Jacobs, Charlotte Lewis, Amy Pierce,  
Sian Forwood, Melanie Davies

**Officer(s)**

Helen Morgan-Rees

David Thomas

Rachel Percival

Director of Education

School Improvement Adviser

Scrutiny Officer

**Apologies for Absence**

Councillor(s): A Davis, A M Day, B Hopkins and J D McGettrick

Co-opted Member(s): Elizabeth Lee

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**164 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.**

Cllr L Jones declared a personal interest in minute item 166 "Site Visit and Schools Scrutiny Session 2 – Bishopston Secondary School".

**165 Prohibition of Whipped Votes and Declaration of Party Whips**

None.

**166 Site Visit and Schools Scrutiny Session 2 - Bishopston Secondary School**

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The Panel received a tour and presentation from Bishopston Comprehensive School. They met with the Head and Deputy Head Teacher, Chair of Governors, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, Director of Education, School Improvement Adviser and other senior members of staff to discuss four key questions which were as follows:

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

The Panel were particularly grateful to the students who carried out the tour and the orchestra for their performance. The Panel will put their thoughts on the visit into a letter to the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills.

The meeting ended at 6.03 pm

**Chair**