

Education Scrutiny Work Programme 2024/2025

Date	Items to be discussed
Meeting 1 20 Jun 24	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Curriculum for Wales update 2. Overview of key issues in education 2024/2025 3. Work Planning – discussing and agreeing the work programme for 2024/2025 – <i>discussion by Panel members</i>
*Meeting 2 19 Sep 24	Schools Session and Visit (1) – Bishopston Comprehensive School To discuss School Development Plan (Pre-meeting with School Improvement Advisor 2 Sep)
*Meeting 3 17 Oct 24	Schools Session and possible Visit (2) – Gwrosydd Primary School (Pre-meeting with School Improvement Advisor)
Meeting 4 14 Nov 24 4.30pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Strategy for Poverty Proofing the school day given the cost-of-living crisis 2. Briefing on School Admissions Policy. 3. Briefing on Career Advice in Swansea Schools
Meeting 5 12 Dec 24 4.30pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress with the Inclusion Strategy approved by Cabinet in 2023 (Including progress with regard to the Behaviour Strategy) 2. Annual Education Performance against identified priorities RAG include Estyn progress against recommendations and Cabinet Member Q&A. (To include an update on Post 16 education and Welsh in Education Strategy progress and an update on elective home schooling).
*Meeting 6 23 Jan 25 4.00pm	Curriculum for Wales: Bishop Gore Comprehensive cluster of schools (Hosted at Bishop Gore School) Pre-meeting with School Improvement Adviser on 16 Jan at 4.30pm
Meeting 7 17 Feb 25 9.30am	Annual Budget as it relates to education matters (1 hour slot to coincide with other Panels and Budget Cabinet meeting)
Meeting 8 20 Feb 25 4.30pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Managing/improving school attendance and exclusions 2. How schools improve the quality of teaching and learning – cluster and regional work.
*Meeting 9 26 Mar 25 4.00pm	Schools Session and possible Visit (3) Dylan Thomas Community Secondary School (Pre-meeting with School Improvement Advisor 11 Mar)
Meeting 10 10 Apr 25 4.30pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additional Learning Needs Reform Update 2. Education Other Than at School services 3. Pupil Voice Manifesto and the pupil voice in education
Meeting 11 8 May 25 4.30pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Swansea Skills Partnership Annual update 2. Quality in Education (QEd) / Sustainable Communities for Learning 3. End of Year review in Education Scrutiny
New municipal year 2025/2026	
Meeting 1 26 June 25 4.30pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of key issues in education 2025/2026 and Work Planning – Panel discussing/agreeing the work programme for 2025/2026 – Curriculum for Wales update 2. Religion, Values and Ethics Education progress update 3. Curriculum for Wales progress update

*Meeting 2 10 July 25 4.00pm TBC	Schools Session and possible Visit (1) Morriston Secondary School (Pre-meeting with School Improvement Advisor tba) – TBA
Meeting 3 25 Sep 25 TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partneriaeth Business Plan and progress (tbc) • **Pupil Development Grant spend analysis • .
*Meeting 4 23 Oct 25 TBC	Schools Session and possible Visit (2) Gowerton Secondary School (Pre-meeting with School Improvement Advisor tba) – TBA

* Informal Panel meeting at a school – not public

*Due to the number of issues suggested for scrutiny this year we have a reserve list which will need to be slotted in during the year or alternatively they could be included in an extra meeting:

- **Pupil Development Grant Spend analysis
- Schools Meals Service
- Cookery in Schools Follow up

The Panel will also receive relevant individual school Estyn reports as they are published, along with any other reports or information relevant to Education Scrutiny.

Background

Cllr Robert Smith, Cabinet Member for Education and Learning
Helen Morgan Rees, Director of Education

The Officers listed in above timetable and their roles:

Sarah Tillman (Team Manager Education Strategy)
Rhodri Jones (Head of Achievement and Partnership Service)
Kate Phillips (Head of Vulnerable Learners Service)
Kelly Small (Head of Education Planning and Resources Service)
David Thomas (Principal School Improvement Adviser)
Jennifer Harding-Richards (Religion, Values and Ethics Adviser)
Louise Herbert-Evans (Team Manager Capital)
Lisa Collins (Child Protection and Safeguarding Officer)
Helen Howells (Team Manager Pupil Support)