



City and County of Swansea

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

Dylan Thomas Community School, John St, Cockett,
Swansea SA2 0FR

Wednesday, 26 March 2025 at 4.00 pm

Present: Councillor L R Jones (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)
S Joy

Councillor(s)
J D McGettrick

Councillor(s)
A J O'Connor

Co-opted Member(s)
Beth Allender

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Other Attendees

Robert Smith, Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills
Dereck Roberts, Chair of Governors Dylan Thomas School
Paul Davies, Headteacher Dylan Thomas School
A Payne, Senior Deputy Headteacher
M Pompa, Assistant Headteacher
K Ebdon, Assistant Headteacher
R Cannon, Assistant Headteacher

Officers

David Thomas, Senior School Improvement Adviser
Michelle Roberts, Scrutiny Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): A Davis, A M Day, B Hopkins and S M Jones
Co-opted Member(s): Elizabeth Lee

203 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.
None

204 Prohibition of Whipped Votes and Declaration of Party Whips
None

205 Site Visit and Schools Scrutiny Session 3 - Dylan Thomas Community Comprehensive School

The Panel met with the Headteacher, Chair of Governors and the Senior Management Team at Dylan Thomas Community School. They discussed the following four key questions that were sent to the school in advance of the meeting:

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

The Panel thanked the headteacher, senior management team and the chair of governors who attended the meeting. The Panel will put their thoughts on the visit into a letter to the Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills.

The meeting ended at 5.45 pm

Chair