

## **Schools Scrutiny Performance Panel**

### **A summary of the year and planning for the year ahead**

Firstly, can the Panel members have a think about the following questions in relation to their year on the Schools Scrutiny Performance Panel to help inform future work?

<b>1. What has gone well?</b>	
<b>2. What has not gone so well?</b>	
<b>3. Has the Panels work programme been focused on the right things?</b>	
<b>4. What have we learned that will help us with future education scrutiny?</b>	

### **Summary of the Year 2017 – 2018**

*See below a summary of the year of scrutiny activity carried out by the Schools Performance Panel:*

#### **1. Topics suggested to Panel for scrutiny this year**

Topics suggested for scrutiny by Councillors, the public and officers for the year 2017/18 and whether they were completed by the panel are detailed as follows

- ✓ First meeting be a workshop and include overview of education, school improvement and ERW
- ✓ Challenge session with 3 to 4 schools with at least one being a pioneer school, going out to a school was also suggested
- ✓ Education Other Than At School Services (EOTAS) – updates on progress and pre-decision of any relevant reports going to Cabinet
- ✓ How schools are building capacity to manage behaviour in mainstream
- ✓ The Pupil Voice in Swansea
- ✓ Looked After Children Educational Performance
- ✓ Pupil Deprivation Grant (PDG) spending and performance of vulnerable learners
- ✓ Annual Audit of Schools
- ✓ Annual Education Performance and latest school categorisation data
- ✓ Scrutiny of the Annual Budget as it relates to education matters
- ✓ Performance of School Improvement Service
- ✓ Information on the New Estyn Regime when available
- x Science in Schools
- x School to School collaboration
- x Pre-decision scrutiny: Commissioning Review of ALN

## **2. The Schools that the panel have spoken to in 2017/18**

- ✓ Olchfa Comprehensive and Parklands Primary Schools collaboration on piloting the development of the new curriculum for Wales (16 November 17)
- ✓ Morryston Primary School (Amber) – (15 February 18)
- ✓ Bishop Vaughan Catholic Secondary School (Amber) – (15 March 18)

## **3. Data monitoring in 2017/18**

Item monitored over the year:

- ✓ Data and commentary on school categorisation (January 2018)
- ✓ Data on school performance (verified data) (January 2018)
- ✓ Progress against Business Plan priorities locally and regionally ERW (18 Oct 17)
- ✓ Looked after Children's Performance (12 December 2017)
- ✓ Free School Meal Pupil Performance and use of PDG (12 December 2017)

## **4. Some other background information relating to the panel this year 2017/2018**

Number of times the Schools Scrutiny Performance Panel has met 11, number of education related Conveners letters to Cabinet member 8 and Councillor attendance across the Panel on average 57%

## **Planning for the year ahead 2018 - 2019**

*See below some items that can be scheduled for the coming year (see also attached draft work programme based upon this):*

### **1. Some issues the panel identified but did not get chance to look at or that require and have been identified for ongoing monitoring.**

- See Wellbeing and Behaviour Strategy when available
- Education Other Than At School (EOTAS) progress update
- Pre-decision Scrutiny: Commissioning Review of Alternative Learning Needs/Special Educational Needs
- Science in Schools
- School to School Collaboration
- Readiness for School, follow up on outstanding issues resulting from a scrutiny inquiry (*referred to the panel on 27 Mar*)

### **2. Annual items to be scheduled for the new municipal year**

- Schools Scrutiny (chose from school categorisation information)
  - a. 2 x Amber schools include Ysgol Crug Glas Special School and 1 other to be agreed
  - b. 1 x Green School (particularly around Foundation Phase work (Llanrhidian Primary or Gowerton Primary have been suggested because of their excellent practice in this area)
  - c. Site visit Morryston Primary School to see improvements embedded (as agreed at 15 Feb 18 meeting when panel met with the school)
- Data and commentary on school categorisation and data on school performance
- Progress against Business Plan priorities locally and regionally ERW and the performance of Education Improvement Service
- Looked after Children's Performance
- Free School Meal Pupil Performance and use of Pupil Deprivation Grant
- Scrutiny of annual budget as it relates to education matters (Feb 19)