



City and County of Swansea

**Minutes of the Education & Skills Policy
Development Committee**

Committee Room 5 - Guildhall, Swansea

Wednesday, 13 June 2018 at 4.00 pm

Present: Councillor R V Smith (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

J P Curtice
S Pritchard

Councillor(s)

M Durke
K M Roberts

Councillor(s)

M A Langstone
D W W Thomas

Officer(s)

Gareth Borsden
Helen Morgan - Rees
Nick Williams
Stephanie Williams

Democratic Services Officer
Head of Education Achievement & Partnership
Chief Education Officer
Principal Lawyer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): L R Jones

5 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

6 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Education & Skills Policy Development & Delivery Committees held on 9 and 23 May 2018, and the Education & Skills Policy Development Committee held on 24 May 2018 be agreed as correct records.

7 Workplan 2018/2019. (Discussion)

The Chair referred to the discussions held at the meeting held on 9 May, which had identified potential areas for review by the Committee during the new municipal year.

He outlined that the Committees first topic could be to examine the issues around Pupil Development Grant (PDG), and its link to the gap in achievement of free schools meals children and those not on free school meals, identify areas of good practice and sharing of this with other schools.

Nick Williams spoke further to the comments of the Chair and outlined the following areas which can be looked at by the Committee:

- Data trends in relation to free school meal (FSM) performance in Swansea and nationally.
- Welsh Government Guidance on PDG.
- Role of ERW/ local authority in monitoring use and promoting good practice in use of the PDG.
- Good practice in Swansea schools – views of learners and headteachers.
- The role of the Education Endowment Trust and other third party organisations in promoting good practice.
- Effective use of the Pupil Premium (PP) in England and in particular in Lambeth Council.
- Emerging findings and ways forward.

He and Helen Morgan-Rees outlined the current structure for sharing good practice and ideas, the partnership working arrangements in place and outlined the excellent Estyn report on Hafod primary, which is cited on their website as an excellent example of good practice, she also referred to the positive impact of the school challenge grant monies at Pentrehafod Comprehensive.

Discussions took place around the support given to individual pupils and the need to maybe alter the focus to support the higher achievers, the research available from Welsh Government (Wizard report), the need to develop contacts and seek examples of good practice from across the United Kingdom, the impact of the targeting and use of the PDG on exam age pupils.

The Chair suggested that following topics for the Committee to discuss over the next few months:

July – Data Trends in relation to FSM, Background information on Estyn Inspections, Welsh Government Guidance, and difference between PDG and PP

August – ERW & Local Authority overview.

September – Education Endowment Trust.

Autumn – Engagement with schools & learners.

Resolved that the above schedule be agreed.

The meeting ended at 4.21 pm

Chair