



## Report of the Convener

### Education Scrutiny Performance Panel

## Annual Review of Work 2020-21

<b>Purpose:</b>	As the municipal year ends, it is good practice to reflect on the Panel's work, experience, and effectiveness.
<b>Content:</b>	A summary of the year's activities is provided.
<b>Councillors are being asked to:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reflect on the year's work; and</li><li>• Share ideas to improve the effectiveness of Education scrutiny</li></ul>
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### 1. Background

- 1.1 As this is the final meeting of this municipal year, the Panel is invited to reflect on the year's scrutiny work, experience and effectiveness. Any ideas that will improve the effectiveness of the scrutiny of education are welcome.
- 1.2 To aid panel members, a summary of the year's work has been included.
- 1.3 Some of the questions the Panel may want to consider:
  - What went well?
  - What did not go so well?
  - Has the Panel's work focused on the right things?
  - What have we learnt that will help us with future SIF scrutiny?

### 2. Overview

- 2.1 The purpose of the Panel is to provide ongoing challenge to schools performance to ensure that pupils in Swansea are receiving high quality education; and the authority is meeting its objectives in relation to improving school standards and pupil attainment.
- 2.2 **What are the possible lines of inquiry?**

To regularly review school performance including meeting with Head Teachers and Chairs of Governors to ask questions about performance and improvement, focusing on outcomes, provision and leadership. Look at relevant data,

commissioning reviews and anything that impacts on Education in Swansea including, for example, the new curriculum, Additional Learning Needs and Education Other Than at School Services.

2.2 The Panel has a core membership of 11 councillors and two parent governor co-opted members.

### 3. Supporting Data

- Number of Panel meetings = 8
- Number of Conveners letters = 8

### 4. Education Scrutiny Performance Panel Work Programme for 2020/21

Date	Items discussed
<b>Meeting 1</b> 22 Oct 20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Update on implications and the recovery plan resulting from the impact of Covid-19 in Education and Schools (<i>cont'd from meeting in July</i>)</li> <li>2. Update on the key issues affecting Education more widely</li> <li>3. Planning the rest of the Council year in Education Scrutiny – Draft Work Programme</li> </ol>
<b>Meeting 2</b> 19 Nov 20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. School 1 – Waun Wen Primary School (<i>part of panels watching brief on Wellbeing in Schools and was on work programme for March 2020</i>). How the school meets the needs of their most vulnerable pupils, the challenges they face and what they do to meet/mitigate those challenges including through the Covid-19 crisis.</li> <li>2. Elective Home Education</li> </ol>
<b>Meeting 3</b> 17 Dec 20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Swansea Skills Partnership</li> <li>2. Update – Education and Schools recovery from Covid</li> <li>3. Annual Audit of Schools (<i>for information item</i>)</li> </ol>
<b>Meeting 4</b> 21 Jan 21	Update – Education and Schools recovery from Covid
<b>Meeting 5</b> 16 Feb 21	Annual Budget as it relates to Educations matters (using Cabinet budget papers) <i>Annual item</i>
<b>Meeting 6</b> 18 Mar 21	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Blended and Remote Learning Feedback – pupils from Bishopston Primary School</li> <li>2. Education and Schools recovery from Covid – Verbal Update</li> <li>3. PDG summary of spend to support vulnerable pupils (<i>Annual item</i>)</li> <li>4. Regional Education Improvement Service (ERW) – Update</li> </ol>
<b>Meeting 7</b> 22 Apr 21	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Additional Learning Needs Reform and implementation (<i>watching brief item</i>)</li> <li>2. New Curriculum update including progress with implementation (<i>watching brief item</i>)</li> <li>3. Estyn Report and Letter – Education Response to the Pandemic</li> </ol>
<b>Meeting 8</b> 13 May 21	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Education Other Than At Schools Update (EOTAS), including progress with new provision</li> <li>2. Update 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme</li> </ol>

### 5.0 The Future Work Programme

5.1 The future work programme will be discussed by the Panel at a meeting on the 24 June 2021.