



## Report of the Convener Education Scrutiny Performance Panel

### Annual Review of Work 2022/23

<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>	a) Reflect on the year's work; and b) Share ideas to improve the effectiveness of Scrutiny
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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, experiences 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 has gone well?
  - What did not go quite so well?
  - Did the Panel's work focus on the right things?
  - What have we learnt that will help us with future scrutiny?

#### 2. Overview

- 2.1 The purpose of the Panel is to provide ongoing challenge to school 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 were the 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

There have been 8 Panel meetings, with 7 Conveners letters sent to the Cabinet Member. Councillor attendance at the Panel overall for the year has been 62%.

### 4. Education Scrutiny Performance Panel Work Programme for 2022/23

Date	Items to be discussed
<b>Meeting 1</b> 22 Sep 22	Meeting Cancelled
<b>Meeting 2</b> 27 Oct 22	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Role of the Education Scrutiny Performance Panel</li> <li>2. Estyn Inspection Feedback/report and recommendations</li> <li>3. Education overview and discussion session to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of structure of and key priorities for Education currently</li> <li>• Partneriaeth Regional Education Partnership briefing and current position update</li> <li>• Pupil Voice Manifesto, what is it and the current position</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Discuss and agree Work Programme for 2022/2023</li> </ol>
<b>Meeting 3</b> 17 Nov 22	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Additional Learning Needs Reform Update (watching brief item bi-annual)</li> <li>2. Pupil Development Grant Spend on vulnerable pupils</li> <li>3. School Improvement Service (Annual)</li> <li>4. New Curriculum for Wales Update (watching brief bi-annual)</li> <li>5. Feedback from Partneriaeth Scrutiny Councillor Group</li> </ol>
<b>Meeting 4</b> 15 Dec 22	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Annual Education Performance against identified priorities (RAG) and Cabinet Member Q&amp;A including Estyn Inspection progress</li> <li>2. Music Provision for/in Swansea Schools</li> </ol>
<b>Meeting 5</b> 19 Jan 23	Schools Scrutiny Session 1 – Pontarddulais Secondary School and its Cluster of Primary Schools. To look at how they are introducing the New Curriculum for Wales
<b>Meeting 6</b> 13 Feb 23	Pre-decision Scrutiny - Annual Budget as it relates to Education matters
<b>Meeting 7</b> 16 Mar 23	School Scrutiny Session 2 — Site visit to Maes Derw PRU
<b>Meeting 8</b> 20 Apr 23	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Education Other Than At School services (EOTAS) update and site visit to Maes Derw discussion</li> <li>2. Hearing the Voices of Children and Young People</li> <li>3. Swansea Skills Partnership Update</li> <li>4. Feedback from Partneriaeth Scrutiny Councillor Group</li> </ol>

<b>Meeting 9</b> 11 May 23 4.00pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Harassment in Schools Update</li><li>2. Tackling Racism in Schools</li><li>3. Quality in Education (QEd) / Sustainable Communities for Learning Update</li><li>4. End of year review in Education Scrutiny</li></ol>
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## **5.0 The Future Work Programme**

- 5.1 The future work programme will be discussed by first Education Scrutiny Performance Panel of the new municipal year 2023/2024 on 15 June 2023.