

**Committee: Education and Learning Scrutiny Committee**

Date of meeting: **26<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Report Subject: **Helping Elected Members Get to Know Our Schools**

Portfolio Holder: **Cllr C. Meredith, Executive Member Education**

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Reporting Pathway								
Directorate Management Team	Corporate Leadership Team	Portfolio Holder / Chair	Audit Committee	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny Committee	Executive Committee	Council	Other (please state)
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**1 Purpose of the Report**

The purpose of the report is to provide an overview to Members on the proposed new Member led sub group of the Education and Learning Scrutiny Committee.

**2. Scope and Background**

The SSMG was established as a sub-group of the Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee in January 2012 and it enabled members of the Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee to meet with the Headteacher and Chair of Governors from individual schools to scrutinise school performance and the quality of provision at the school. Through this, members were able to improve their understanding of the work of the Local Authority in supporting and developing the quality of education in Blaenau Gwent.

The committee continued to receive regular reports from the SSMG until February 2017.

The Education and Learning Scrutiny Committee has requested that following National Reform and the removal of high stakes accountability a new Member led sub-group of the scrutiny committee is established.

The presentation will provide an overview to Members on the aim of the new sub group and to seek nominations from the Committee.

**3. Options for Recommendation**

**3.1 Option 1**

To accept the information within the presentation and agree to seek nominations from the Committee.

**Option 2**

To consider and provide comment and / or request additional information on the aim of the sub group prior to seeking nominations from the Committee.