

Draft Education and Learning Forward Work Programme

TBC Date	Scrutiny Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer	Executive / Council
<p>Tuesday 22nd June 2021</p> <p>Deadline: Tuesday 8th June 2021</p>	1. Recovery and Renewal	<p>Performance Monitoring To ensure that Members are aware of arrangements to support schools and learners recovery and renewal activity from the pandemic and to monitor progress (Strategy overview).</p>	Luisa Munro-Morris / Claire Gardner/ Michelle Jones	Executive – 21.07.21
	2. Aneurin Leisure Trust Performance Monitoring	<p>Performance Monitoring Members to scrutinise the content of the six monthly ALT performance report and to discuss areas for future monitoring arrangements.</p>	Joanne Sims <i>Invitee: ALT</i>	Executive – 21.07.21
	3. Improving Schools and School Inspections	<p>Performance Monitoring To provide Members with an overview of inspection arrangements, an update on any inspection report findings (when available) and progress within schools which are school causing concern or subject to Council intervention.</p>	Lynn Phillips/ Luisa Munro-Morris / Michelle Jones	Executive – 21.07.21

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Tuesday 7th September 2021	1. Home to School and Post 16 Transport Policy To be published by 1st October	Pre-Decision To provide Members with the opportunity to scrutinise the draft Home to School and Post 16 Transport Policy 2022/23, prior to Executive Committee approval and publication on 1/10/2021.	Claire Gardner	Executive
	2. Self-Evaluation Report	Performance Monitoring To ensure that Members contribute to the development of the self-evaluation report for Local Government Education Services.	Lynn Phillips	Executive
	3. Education Accessibility Strategy	Pre-Decision To provide Members with the opportunity to scrutinise the draft Education Accessibility Strategy 2021-2024, prior to Executive Committee approval and implementation.	Claire Gardner	Executive
	4. Inclusion Strategy	Pre-Decision To provide Members with the opportunity to scrutinise the draft Inclusion Strategy 2021 – 2022, prior to Executive Committee approval and implementation.	Luisa Munro-Morris / Rob Smith / School Representative	Executive
INFORMATION ITEM				
	LA Governor Vacancies	Information To provide Members with an update on LA governor vacancies (August position statement)	Michelle Jones	

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Tuesday 19th October 2021	1. Provisional KS4 School Performance	Performance Monitoring To provide a summary of performance in line with accountability changes to ensure that children and young people achieve in line with expectations, particularly at KS4.	Luisa Munro-Morris/Michelle Jones	Executive 10.11.21
	2. Helping Elected Members Get to Know Our Schools	Working Group To seek nominations in order to re-establish the Working Group.	Michelle Jones	
	3. Recovery and Renewal	Performance Monitoring To ensure that Members are aware of arrangements to support schools and learners to recovery from the pandemic and to monitor progress (Summer term 2021 progress on an agreed theme).	Luisa Munro-Morris / Claire Gardner/ Michelle Jones	Executive 10.11.21
	4. Improving Schools and School Inspections	Performance Monitoring To provide Members with an update on any inspection report findings (when available) and progress within schools which a school causing concern or subject to Council intervention. (Overview 2020/21 academic year)	Lynn Phillips/ Luisa Munro Morris / Michelle Jones	Executive 10.11.21
INFORMATION ITEM				
	Section 106	Information To provide members with an overview of Education's Planning Obligations and associated processes, including Section 106 developer contribution assessment and implementation.	Claire Gardner	

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Tuesday 30 th November 2021	1. Pupil Attendance	Performance Monitoring Members to review the pupil attendance performance of Blaenau Gwent's schools and monitor the associated outcomes, whilst recognising how this monitoring can inform key strategic priorities.	Luisa Munro-Morris / Lisa Adams	Executive Information
	2. Pupil Exclusions	Performance Monitoring Scrutiny Members are asked to review the data and associated outcomes, whilst recognising how this monitoring can inform key strategic priorities.	Luisa Munro-Morris / Lisa Adams	Executive Information
	3. Welsh Education Strategic Plan (WESP) Monitoring existing plan and draft 10-year plan <i>Please note the report and Plan will need to be translated to Welsh by the Directorate.</i>	Pre-Decision To provide Members with the opportunity to scrutinise performance against the Education Directorate's current WESP (2012 -20). In addition, Members will have the opportunity to scrutinise the draft BG 10-year WESP, prior to Executive Committee approval and submission to WG in January 2022.	Claire Gardner	Executive 15.12.21
	4. Management of Pupil Places and the School Estate 2020/21	Performance Monitoring To provide Members with the opportunity to scrutinise the management of pupil places and the school estate throughout the 2020/21 academic session.	Claire Gardner	Executive 15.12.21
	5. Education Directorate End of Year 2021 report	Performance Monitoring To provide Members with the first annual strategic overview report from the Corporate Director on progress made and key areas for future development.	Lynn Phillips	Executive 15.12.21

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Tuesday 1st February 2022	1. Youth Service Performance	Performance Monitoring To provide Members with the opportunity to scrutinise and monitor the performance and impact of the Youth Service and comparing with the latest Welsh Government benchmarking data.	Joanne Sims	Executive 02.03.22
	2. 21 st Century Schools Programme Bands B progress and education project overview	Performance Monitoring To provide Members with the opportunity to scrutinise progress in line with the 21 st Century Schools Band B programme, along with associated Education projects.	Claire Gardner / Luisa Munro-Morris	Executive 02.03.22
	3. School Admissions Policy for Nursery and Statutory Education Statutory deadline for the policy to be published by 15th April	Pre-Decision To provide Members with the opportunity to scrutinise the draft School Admissions Policy for Nursery and Statutory Education 2023/24, prior to Executive Committee approval.	Claire Gardner	Executive 02.03.22
	4. Education ICT Strategy	Performance Monitoring To provide Members with the opportunity to scrutinise progress in line with the development of the Education ICT Strategy, and associated projects.	Luisa Munro-Morris/ Claire Gardner/SRS	Executive 02.03.22
	5. Recovery and Renewal	Performance Monitoring To ensure that Members are aware of arrangements to support schools and learners to recovery and renewal from the pandemic and to monitor progress (Autumn term 2021 progress on an agreed theme)	Luisa Munro-Morris / Claire Gardner / Michelle Jones	Executive 02.03.22
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Tuesday 15th March 2022	1. Education Achievement Service (EAS) Business Plan 2022/23	Pre-Decision To consult Members on the draft EAS Business Plan for 2022/23.	Luisa Munro-Morris / Michelle Jones	Executive 27.04.22
	2. Inspire to Achieve / Work	Performance Monitoring Members to consider and monitor the performance in line with targets and spend. Sustainability and funding for NEETs agenda. (Performance completion and securing funding moving forward)	Joanne Sims	Executive Info Item
	3. Welsh Public Library Standards (WPLS) Annual Return 2019/20	Performance Monitoring Members to consider the Annual Assessment from Welsh Government which highlights Blaenau Gwent's performance against the Welsh Public Library Standards.	Joanne Sims <i>Invitee: ALT</i>	Executive Information

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<p>Tuesday 26th April 2022</p>	<p>1. Self-evaluation (SE)</p>	<p>Performance Monitoring Members to contribute to the development of the SE report for LGES and to determine the actions arising from the SER are appropriate and aligned to the service needs for children and young people.</p>	<p>Lynn Phillips</p>	<p>Executive FWP 2022/23</p>
	<p>2. Schools organisation policy review</p>	<p>Pre-Decision To provide Members with the opportunity to scrutinise the School Organisation Policy post annual review, prior to Executive Committee approval, and subsequent publication.</p>	<p>Claire Gardner</p>	<p>Executive FWP 2022/23</p>
	<p>3. Improving Schools</p>	<p>Performance Monitoring To provide Members with an update on any inspection report findings (when available) and progress within schools that are causing concern or subject to Council intervention.</p>	<p>Lynn Phillips/ Luisa Munro Morris / Michelle Jones</p>	<p>Executive FWP 2022/23</p>
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Dates for items TBC	Partnership agreement			
	Renewal of SLA agreements			
	Pen y Cwm medium/long term plans			
	Policy Renewal E.g. Health and Safety Policy			

Member Briefing Sessions – Education and Learning Scrutiny Committee			
Date	Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer
Quarterly	Directorate Briefings	<p>A closely focused directorate update session to provide information and detail on service areas in order to raise the interest and enthusiasm of members. This also provides a legitimate avenue to raise local issues outside of the scrutiny process.</p> <p>4. ALN Reform Update</p>	All
November	Post 16 Learner Outcomes	The session is to provide Members with an overview of the BG Learning Zone’s post 16 attainment levels for both academic and vocational areas of learning.	Joanne Sims Coleg Gwent
	Preparedness for Estyn		
	Curriculum		