## RECOVERY AND RENEWAL BLAENAU GWENT ACTION PLAN Summer 2021 – Summer 2022

Priority 1: Learn						
Responsibility	Action	Resources (Specific no. of days/costs)	Timescale (Start/End)	Success Criteria	Monitoring and evaluation arrangements for actions (date)	Termly Updates
HoSIal and SMETBC	Undertake stakeholder engagement to facilitate learning from experience, and renewal of practice.					
	Stakeholder Recovery and Renewal Group  Monthly engagement with primary and secondary headteachers to shape support for recovery and renewal	Monthly meetings	July 2021 - ongoing	All stakeholders engaged, represented and informed	Report to DMT/CLT and Scrutiny/Executive as part of FWP.	Meetings continue to take place on a monthly basis, with September's session having to be re-arranged to accommodate partners, next meeting October
	Focus Groups Series of focus groups to discuss key issues around recovery and renewal	As required (led by education)	July 2021 – ongoing	All stakeholders engaged, represented and informed	Report to DMT/CLT and Scrutiny/Executive as part of FWP.	The following meetings have taken place:  • Return to schools – September  • Risk Assessments and Operational Guidance  • Track and Trace Processes  • Breakfast Club  • Cyber Security

HoSlal	Whole school wellbeing	Meetings with all	October - ongoing	Schools have	Report to DMT/CLT	Next meeting with Caroline
1103141	and mental health	relevant	october ongoing	provision in place	and Scrutiny/Executive	Friend re TIS, November 3rd
	support	stakeholders		to support	and sording, Excedence	Thena re ris, november sia
	Evaluate current	Stakenoiders		learner's		
	provision within inclusion			wellbeing		
	team to support school's			Wellbellig		
	wellbeing and mental					
	health. Exploration of					
	different support					
	strategies to provide a BG					
	model e.g. Trauma					
	Informed Schools					
	inioninea sensors					Joint planning with healthy
HoSlal and	Further develop	Attendance at	July 2021 -	Partnership	Report to DMT/CLT	schools to provide training for
SMETBC	partnership working and	relevant meetings	onwards	working	and	schools on respect and tolerance
	re-establish pre-Covid		0	developed to	Scrutiny/Executive.	
	referral systems and			support pupil	Share good practice	
	interventions			wellbeing across	across EAS.	
	e.g. healthy schools, Post-			all educational		
	16 partnership, youth			settings. Develop		
	service, education			cross partnership		
	transformation, social			BG agreed ways		
	services			of working		

Priority 2: Vuln	nerable Learners					
Responsibility	Action	Resources (Specific no. of days/costs)	Timescale (Start/End)	Success Criteria	Monitoring and evaluation arrangements for actions (date)	Monthly Updates
SMETBC	Digitally disadvantaged learners continue to access devices/MI-FI	Licensing and revenue costs funded by WG and LA. Going forward, these costs will be addressed via schools	Ongoing	All digitally disadvantaged learners in BG have access to devices/MI- FI as required	Weekly monitoring is in place coordinated by Education, in partnership with SRS and schools. An evaluation and review is currently underway, to inform plans and provision going forward.	All schools have sufficient devices to facilitate the provision. We currently have: 359 devices and 161 Mi-Fi
SMETBC	Continued support for pupils and families eligible for FSM via direct payments	WG funding	Ongoing	All eligible families receive payments for isolation and holidays	Half-term monitoring and fortnightly reporting via the SitRep	We currently provide payments in line with isolation and holiday periods. Presently, there are 2,785 pupils eligible for FSM, with application rounds re-opened once every half-term.
SMETBC	Re-establishment of Breakfast Clubs with a pilot scheme until the end of October	Time for meetings	March 21 – Summer 21	Pilot in place, with aim to reintroduce BC across BG and increase capacity	Review of BC provision with schools	Phase 1 works complete, Phase 2
SMETBC	Proposal to increase capacity of Pen y Cwm has been approved by Executive Committee, and first phase completed. Second phase	Consultation process, meetings with architects, schools leaders etc.	Summer 21 – ongoing	Pen y Cwm able to meet the needs of learners in BG	Report to DMT/CLT and Scrutiny/Executive	work in development and long term planning processes have been initiated in partnership with Planning, Estates and Technical Services

	to be completed by next					
	Autumn term					
						Engagement with all relevant
						services – revised offer to schools
HoSlal	Realignment of ALN SLA	Time for meeting	Summer 21 –	ALN SLA revised	Report to DMT/CLT	to be sent October 21
	and EP Service	with PyC staff	ongoing	in line with new	and Scrutiny/Executive	
		,		ALN Bill	,	
	Revised support offer to					
	schools based on school-					
	improving system.					
	Schools to be provided			·		
	with one offer to access					
	whole school training to					
	support vulnerable					
	learners					
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HoSlal, Gill	Analysis of funding to	Meeting with Finance and GS.	October 21	Schools able to	Report to DMT/CLT	Meeting with finance set up for October 21
Smith, Finance	support vulnerable learners	Engagement with		best support ALN pupils, within	and Scrutiny/Executive	October 21
	<u>learners</u>	stakeholders		budget	and Scrutiny/Executive	
		Stakerioliders		buuget		
	Review of Inclusion					
HoSlal	<u>Service</u>	Meetings with all	September 21 –	Inclusion service		
		relevant	August 22	able to meet		
	ALN Reform	stakeholders		needs of ALN Bill		
HoSlal						
	Review of EHE Policy and					
HoSlal and Lisa	practices	Meetings with	June 21 – August	Updated Policy to		
Adams		relevant	22	meet needs of		
	Intimate Care Needs	stakeholders.		EHE learners		
SMETBC	<u>Policy – review Policy</u>	Support from				
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CMETRO	Accessibility Strategy	Time a har westimen	July 24 Contra	Delieusend		Updated time line and action plan
SMETBC		Time to review	July 21 – Spring	Policy and		have been taken via the Council's
		policy/strategy	22	strategy updated		

					Monthly monitoring in place, via Accessibility Action plan	political processes with a review having commenced
HoSlal	Equalities training and support for schools	Meetings to agree agenda and set up training	October 21	Schools able to support vulnerable learners		Training for all schools set up for October 20th
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Priority 3: Acaden	Priority 3: Academic Progress							
Responsibility	Action	Resources (Specific no. of days/costs)	Timescale (Start/End)	Success Criteria	Monitoring and evaluation arrangements for actions (date)	Monthly Updates		
HoSIal and SMETBC	Curriculum Reform and Build Back Better Group		October 21 – ongoing	School governors/leader are supported to implement school improvement and	SCC meetings/action plans/ Report to DMT/CLT and Scrutiny/Executive EAS monthly CA	First meeting to be set up by Emma Jones		
HoSlal	Partnership work with the EAS to broker support in line with the EAS Business Plan.	Time for meetings		held to account	reports	Fortnightly update meetings with HoSlal and Principle Challenge Advisor		
	Co-construction of MER cycle to hold EAS to account for services provided to BG schools		April 21 – September 21	HoSlal has clear understanding of the strengths and areas for development of	Visit notes – not for accountability purposes			
	Fortnightly meetings with PCA to monitor MER cycle and share information about schools	Time for meetings	September 21 –	all school settings in BG Development of	December DMT/GIT			
HoSlal and	Engagement with STEM		December 21	BG offer to support parents, initial pilot stage	Report to DMT/CLT and Scrutiny/Executive/			
SMETBC , Richard Crook's team	Increase opportunities for STEM links across BG schools	Time for meetings and visits		by December 21, roll out to all schools January 22	share good practice across EAS			
	Work with Regeneration on the STEM activity							

HoSlal and SMETBC HoSlal and SMETBC	Promote 5G classroom across BG schools  Develop a LA blended learning best practice policy  Work with the EAS to review current practice for governance and school leadership in current context, to inform future ways of supporting					
HoSlal and SMETBC  HoSlal and SMETBC	leadership  Review of support for families accessing Welsh Medium Education working with WG, schools and securing alignment with the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan  Work with Andrew Parker's team to create Parnt Engagement Survey — to inform the Blended Learning Approach, and to develop engamenet/training	Education, WG and the WEF	2020 – January 2021	Draft WESP submitted wot Welsh Ministers January 2022	Monitoring is undertaken on a monthly basis	WG and WEF resources have been shared with Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Helyg and parents. The WESP is scheduled for consultation w/c 11.10.21

Priority 4: School	Priority 4: School Operations							
Responsibility	Action	Resources (Specific no. of days/costs)	Timescale (Start/End)	Success Criteria	Monitoring and evaluation arrangements for actions (date)	Monthly Updates		
HoSlal and SMETBC	Survey of schools to identify where training is not up to date e.g. Safeguarding, first aid and Health and Safety - Use information to support schools to access relevant training	TBD	October 2021 – November 2021	Training programme developed aligned to the needs of schools	Termly monitoring with schools	Responsible Persons Training Programme in place for the autumn-term 2021		
	Engagement sessions with schools – new protocols in place to support schools to manage positive cases	Education, Environmental Health, TTP and schools	September 2021  - ongoing (monitored fortnightly)	Early identification and monitoring of positive cases	Daily monitoring undertaken and reported via Education to all relevant stakeholders	New process and guidance in place. Daily support is provided via Education and Environmental Health. Comms and guidance in place		
	All schools have emergency contact information to support escalation procedures i.e. move to blended learning	Education, Environmental Health and schools	July 2021 – ongoing	Schools are able to effectively respond to case escalation	Daily monitoring undertaken and reported via Education to all relevant stakeholders	One school has moved to blended learning for a year group thus far this term and 3 schools are currently on the watch list. This is monitored daily		
	BG updated schools based risk assessment and operational guidance, work with individual schools in order to assess individual operational plans and to advise accordingly.	H&S, Education and Environmental Health	July 2021 – ongoing	Schools operate safely with sufficient measures and controls in place	Daily monitoring between Education, H&S, Environmental Health and Schools	All schools have up to date risk assessments in place		

Review Home to School Transport Policy and established working group to address complex applications and policy and practices	Education and Community Services	July 2021 - ongoing	All eligible pupils and students have access to transport	Fortnightly monitoring	Transport Policy for 2021/22 in place, with the policy agreed for 2022/23 via Executive Committee. The working group meeting on a fortnightly basis and have considered 6 cases to date. A procedural review is underway and will be completed by January 2022
Monitoring group established around national shortage of drivers – target to address capacity issues as a result of COVID and resource based issues with transport	Education and Community Services	September 2020 – ongoing	Transport solutions are agreed where issues are identified. Meaning all pupils have access to education, without their transport needs presenting a barrier	Daily monitoring	Transport contingency plans are in places and being monitored
Fire Risk Assessment Review process in place  Facilities Action Planning with individual schools re- established	H&S and Education H&S and Education	September – December 2021  October – December 2021	All schools FRA documentation is up to date  All schools have up to date Facilities Action Plans	Weekly in line with COVID Secure Risk Assessment Monthly monitoring is in place	FRA reviews have commenced  Meetings have commenced with view to completing all action plan

Summer programme of			All programmed		reviews by October half-term
works completed		Complete	minor works		2021
successfully	Community		projects have	Monthly monitoring is	
	Services and		now been	in place	Works have been completed in
	Education		completed		18 schools, with snagging undertaken and ongoing
Autumn works underway			All minor works		monitoring for defects
		September –	projects complete		
	Community	December 2021		Monthly monitoring is	
	Services and			in place	A work programme has been
	Education				established and is underway