



EDUCATION SKILLS AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

2.00 pm THURSDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2019

COUNCIL CHAMBER - PORT TALBOT CIVIC CENTRE

Part 1

1. Declarations of Interest
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (*Pages 3 - 8*)

To scrutinise information and monitoring issues being reported by:
3. Minutes of Education through Regional Working (ERW) Joint Scrutiny Councillor Group (*Pages 9 - 16*)
Report of the Chair of the Education, Skills and Culture Scrutiny Committee
4. Admission to Schools (*Pages 17 - 24*)
Report of the Head of Transformation
5. To select appropriate items from the Cabinet Board Agenda for pre-scrutiny (Cabinet Board reports enclosed for Scrutiny Members).
6. Forward Work Programme 2018/19 (*Pages 25 - 28*)
7. Urgent items
Any urgent items (whether public or exempt) at the discretion of the Chairman pursuant to Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972

S.Phillips
Chief Executive

Committee Membership:

Chairperson: Councillor S.H.Reynolds

**Vice
Chairperson:** Councillor R.Mizen

Councillors: M.Crowley, S. ap Dafydd, S.Harris, J.Jones,
D.Keogh, S.Miller, J.D.Morgan, R.Phillips,
M.Protheroe, S.Renkes, A.J.Richards,
D.Whitelock and J.Hale

***Co-opted** M.Caddick, A. Amor and L.Newman

Voting Members

***Co-opted Non** R.De Benedictis

Voting Members

Notes:

- (1) *If Committee Members or non-Committee Members wish to have relevant items put on the agenda for future meetings, then please notify the Chief Executive/Chair eight days before the meeting.*
- (2) *If non-Committee Members wish to attend for an item of interest, then prior notification needs to be given (by 12.00 noon on the day before the meeting). Non-Committee Members may speak but not vote, or move or second any motion.*
- (3) *For pre scrutiny arrangements, the Chair will normally recommend forthcoming executive items for discussion/challenge. It is also open to Committee Members to request items to be raised - though Members are asked to be selective here in regard to important issues.*
- (4) *The relevant Cabinet Board Members will also be invited to be present at the meeting for Scrutiny/ Consultation purposes.*
- (5) *Would the Scrutiny Committee Members please bring the Cabinet Board papers with them to the meeting.*

EDUCATION SKILLS AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

(Council Chamber - Port Talbot Civic Centre)

Members Present:

12 September 2019

Chairperson: Councillor S.H.Reynolds

Vice Chairperson: Councillor R.Mizen

Councillors: M.Crowley, S. ap Dafydd, S.Harris, J.Jones, J.D.Morgan, R.Phillips, M.Protheroe, S.Renkes, A.J.Richards and D.Whitelock

Officers In Attendance: A.Thomas, C.Millis, H.Lurvey, J.Burge, S.James, L.Mathews, R.Crowhurst, C.Davies and J.Woodman-Ralph

Co-opted Members: M.Caddick and A.Amore

Cabinet Invitees: Councillors P.A.Rees and R.G.Jones

Observers: Councillors C.Galsworthy

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

That the minutes of the 16 June and the 4 July 2019 be approved.

Providing Healthy Meals and Physical Activities during School Summer Holidays

The committee received an update from the Chair of Education, Skills and Culture Scrutiny Committee that the letter identifying the Committees views on the scheme would be circulated to Members prior to being sent to the Minister of Education.

2. **ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS REFORM**

The Committee received information in relation to new legislation and statutory guidance for learners with Additional Learning Needs (ALN)

and the progress regarding the ALN Transformation Programme as detailed in the circulated report.

Discussion took place on the need for the teacher training syllabus to include information on dealing with children with additional learning needs. Local Authorities had raised this need with the Welsh Government and it was hoped that this would be included in the new curriculum being released next year.

In addition, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council has arranged with University of Wales Trinity St David to provide some post graduate training to support children with additional learning needs. Nineteen places had been secured this year, with further training being provided next year.

Members asked if there would be cost implications to the Council with the implementation of the Additional Learning Needs Reform. It was explained that Neath Port Talbot has put an additional £700,000 funding into next year's budget to try to address the increasing demand. Funding was made available from Welsh Government but this would not continue post 2020. No monies were made available for the implementation of the reform.

Further discussion took place on the concern being expressed by some teachers in the quality of the Individual Development Plans being completed, due to the numbers and the complexity of the forms. Officers explained that there was no criteria contained within the code but no changes were anticipated. Pilots had taken place with positive feedback received but training identifying what needs to be considered was ongoing.

Clarification was sought on the remit of Council relating to children whose parents elect to educate them at home. It was explained that the Council had no legal access to these children as its parental choice. In addition, these numbers of children were increasing across Wales. There was a number of reasons for parents electing to educate their children at home eg: attendance issues, mental health, school phobia. Additional Learning Needs Reform would not impact on these figures as the children were not in a school setting to benefit. Social Services, Health and Housing, Swansea Bay University Health Board and Education all worked together if there were any issues identified with a particular child.

Arrangements would be made for an Awareness Raising Session for Members on the Additional Learning Needs Reform.

Following scrutiny, it was agreed that the report be noted.

3. **PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY**

Quarterly Performance Management Data 2019- 2020 – Quarter 1 Performance (1 April 2019 – 30 June 2019)

Members received information on the Quarterly Performance Management Data 2019-2020 as detailed in the circulated report.

Members queried the following:

- Why was the percentage of 11 – 19 years olds in contact with the Youth Service not meeting its target? It was explained that this was due to sickness and vacancies within the team which impacted on the number of contacts made. Confirmation was given that this had now been addressed.
- Was the demand for full-time childcare places being monitored. Confirmation was received that monitoring does take place and as a result more places had been made available in more areas. Also, a media campaign had taken place to ensure that all families entitled to are aware of the offer.
- It was queried why was Neath Port Talbot 20th in the All Wales Data for school attendance at primary stage. An explanation was given that there were links between non- attendance and areas of deprivation. Neath Port Talbot was one of the highest areas of deprivation. Educational Welfare Officers were proactive in working with families especially persistent absenteeism. The focus of all schools was the importance of school attendance. One issue was the unauthorised absenteeism, this was when parents took children out of school for holidays. Work was continuing with financial penalties for unauthorised absenteeism but considering the economic climate, parents were still taking children out of school for holidays.
- What is a Capped 9 score?
This indicator was one of the changes introduced by the Welsh Government. Data was currently being collected and would be available for the January 2020 meeting.

- Why were the visits to leisure centres highlighted as red? This was discussed in the Leisure and Culture Scrutiny Sub Committee where it was explained that the issue was what data was collected and the inconsistencies between all local authorities. The explanation given to the Sub Committee would be circulated to the Committee.

SSIP – Proposal to Establish Specialist Provision for Secondary Age Pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

The Committee received an overview on the proposal to consult on the establishment of specialist provision for secondary age pupils with autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) at Dwr y Felin Comprehensive School as detailed in the circulated report.

The following were raised by Members:

- How many schools applied to host the new Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)? Two schools expressed an interest, one withdrew. In addition, the provision already exists in many schools.
- Concern was expressed as to whether we were meeting the demand? It was explained that the number of pupils had increased by 47% across all school ages. As a result, additional capacity had to be put into schools to address this increase.

Following Scrutiny, the Committee was supportive of the proposal to be considered by the Cabinet Board.

Pupil Attendance Update

Information and data was received in relation to Neath Port Talbot pupil attendance as detailed in the circulated report.

Members were pleased that the report for consideration today included case studies which were very informative and highlighted the importance of the early involvement of the Education Welfare Service.

Members once again commended officers for the work the Education Welfare Officers did and recognised their value in raising attendance and managing pupil welfare issues.

Members raised the following:

- Does the data include pupils who were on reduced timetables? Pupils on a reduced timetable were included in the data but not children whose parents had elected to educate at home. The authority had no responsibility to deliver their education.

Following scrutiny, it was agreed that the report be noted.

CHAIRPERSON

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Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education, Skills and Culture Scrutiny Committee

24 October 2019

Report of the Chair of the Education, Skills and Culture Scrutiny Committee

Matter for Information

Wards Affected:
All Wards

Minutes of Education through Regional Working (ERW) Joint Scrutiny Councillor Group

Purpose of the Report:

For members of the scrutiny committee to note and scrutinise the minutes of the Education Through Regional Working (ERW) Joint Scrutiny Councillor Group that are contained within the report.

Executive Summary:

This is to enable the Education, Skills and Culture Scrutiny Committee to note and scrutinise the discussions that take place within the ERW Joint Scrutiny Councillor Group, discharging its role in ensuring that the scrutiny of ERW takes place through its own scrutiny arrangements.

Background:

The Council is part of the Education through Regional Working (ERW) consortium. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Education Skills and Culture Scrutiny Committee attend the ERW Scrutiny Councillor Group along with the representatives from the 5 other Councils who sit on the consortium .

The Council is required to ensure that the scrutiny of ERW takes place through its own scrutiny arrangements.

Therefore, the minutes of the ERW Scrutiny Councillor Group held on 3 June 2019 are contained within the report to enable the Education, Skills and Culture Scrutiny Committee to note and scrutinise these minutes. This will able the Chair and Vice Chair to consider the comments from the Education, Skills and Culture Scrutiny Committee and assist them in providing feedback to the ERW Scrutiny Councillor Group.

Financial Impacts:

No implications

Integrated Impact Assessment:

There is no requirement to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment as this report is for information purposes

Valleys Communities Impacts:

No implications

Workforce Impacts:

No implications

Legal Impacts:

No implications

Risk Management Impacts:

No implications

Consultation:

There is no requirement for external consultation.

Recommendations:

That Members of the Scrutiny Committee to note and scrutinise the Minutes of the Education Through Regional Working (ERW) Joint Scrutiny Councillor Group

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To enable the Education Skills and Culture Scrutiny Committee to note the ERW Joint Scrutiny Councillor Group Minutes and to satisfy themselves of the scrutiny arrangements that take place within the ERW Scrutiny Councillor Group

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – ERW Scrutiny Councillor Group Minutes – 3 June 2019

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ERW Scrutiny Councillor Group Notes – 3 June 2019

In attendance:

Cllr John Davies, Pembrokeshire (Chair)
 Cllr Paul Rapi, Pembrokeshire
 Cllr Lyndon Jones, Swansea
 Cllr Sonia Reynolds, Neath Port Talbot
 Cllr Rhidian Mizen, Neath Port Talbot
 Cllr Darren Price, Carmarthenshire
 Cllr Edward Thomas, Carmarthenshire
 Angela Davies, Powys
 Cllr Sandra Davies, Powys
 Cllr Endaf Edwards, Ceredigion
 Cllr Wyn Thomas, Ceredigion

Lynne Richards (Scrutiny Officer, Pembrokeshire)
 Elizabeth Patterson (Scrutiny Officer, Powys)
 Michelle Roberts (Scrutiny Officer, Swansea)
 Lisa Evans (Scrutiny Officer, Ceredigion)
 Llinos Jenkins (Scrutiny Officer, Carmarthenshire)

Invited to attend:

Geraint Rees, Interim Managing Director ERW
 Osian Evans, Executive Officer ERW

Apologies:

Cllr Mary Jones, Swansea

Item	
1.	Declarations of Interest None
2.	Notes of, Letter to and response from the Chair of the ERW Joint Committee arising from the ERW Councillor Group on 25 March 2019. Letter and notes accepted. The Councillor Group were disappointed not to have received a response to this letter from the Chair of the ERW Joint Committee. They recognised that it may have been a timing issue but would expect a more timely response. The Group were informed that the letter from the Joint Committee Chair would be circulated to the Panel shortly.
3.	Current position with ERW and presentation from Geraint Rees The Scrutiny Councillor Group thanked Geraint Rees for attending the meeting, making the presentation and answering questions.

Geraint outlined the current position and where next for ERW with a presentation. In his presentation he outlined

- What had been agreed by the Joint Committee including the purpose and structure/roles
- The current job situation
- Growing the collaboration and improving consistency across the region
- The 2019/2020 Business Plan
- Issues for the future and where ERW would like to be

The following was noted from this discussion with the Group:

- That things have moved on significantly and all six local authorities along with Headteachers from across the region have been working to move forward the reform programme. The Councillor Group were pleased that a more constructive relationship between all is developing.
- The Councillor Group heard that Neath Port Talbot Council had given one year's notice to leave ERW. Hearing that their leaving will be contingent on whether they feel the reform programme has moved forward effectively and if they believe it has, they may rescinded that notice to leave. They said they would take part fully in development of ERW over that time in order to drive improvement to where they would like it to be.
- That ERW is putting more emphasis on self-improvement, meaning a self-improving system by pooling effective intelligence and how it can be shared.
- The group were pleased to hear that some key staff appointments have been made and that a solution to filling the Heads posts have been found. Although Councillors were concerned that the Interim Managing Director will be finishing as soon as July and a replacement has yet to be identified. The Councillor Group would like this to be addressed as a matter of urgency.
- Need more 'fleetness of foot' in activities and in particular relating to Governance matters. Joint Committee only meets once a term so decisions have to wait for those meeting, slowing down activity. There are proposals to speed up the Executive Function with more delegated activity. Developing a 3:2:1 strategy, which will speed up process of some decisions. The emerging governance of ERW will develop alongside the new staffing model. Schemes of delegation need to be revised to improve speed of decision-making. Councillor Group would like more information on this at their next meeting.
- The Councillor group recognise that the reform program and the roll out of the new curriculum will require massive cultural shift for everyone. They asked if all six education authorities were fully on board with this. They were informed that each council has a different journey to take with this; but generating a critical mass to support and benchmark practice will be key.
- The meeting discussed the difficulties highlighted by the categorisation system including how the public, parents and the press perceive it as a judgement on how well the school is doing rather than its true role of a support framework.
- Currently a void in the region around leadership development, bringing on new leaders and that this needs to be addressed.
- Austerity has progressed to a serious pressure point for school leaders. Very challenging time but these needs to be offset by ERW using budget

	<p>to create good support. Need to add value to the system by offering what schools cannot do alone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is in the system to develop the ERW culture? The Group heard that the design is key and directors are key players in this; joint training for challenge advisors, recruitment of permanent staff to the ERW structure with Headteacher's being involved in those appointments. • The link between ALN Units within Councils and their challenge advisors is very important. • An open platform to develop and share training and resources is envisaged; will be a digital platform that is adaptable and easily shared. • The administrative system to support area has not been defined yet but that is the next step. • The ERW Business Plan 2019/2020 was circulated to the Group. Joint Committee signed it off in April. It has and will in the future have far more alignments with individual LA education plans. Later in June all the actions associated with the plan will be fully costed. • Aligning grant to the business plan priorities will give more integrity to how it is shared across local authorities. Group emphasised the importance of showing how money is aligned across the region to provide confidence in the process.
<p>3.</p>	<p>Reviewing Terms of Reference The ERW Scrutiny Councillor Group amended their terms of reference as follows: From <i>'To provide critical and objective challenge to ERW'</i> to <i>'To provide critical and objective scrutiny to ERW'</i></p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Discussion on what should be contained in the letter to the Chair of the JC and items for the work programme and next meeting The following issues will be included in the letter from the ERW Scrutiny Councillor Group to the Chair of the Joint Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognise the will of ERW to change and progress. 2. Thank Geraint Rees, Interim Managing Director for his service over past year. What are the plans for filling this role? 3. Pleased Business Plan in place look forward to seeing costed actions 4. Disappointed in lack and timeliness of correspondence from Joint Committee, system needs to be agreed with Scrutiny to ensure effective and timely two-way dialogue. 5. Understanding the governance structure and the need to review scheme of delegation for decision making to ensure swifter and more responsive decisions. <p>The following items have been agreed for the next meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invite Lead Chief Executive to discuss progress with the reform programme 2. Fully costed Business Plan for 2019/20 3. Governance Structure including scheme of delegation 4. Progress with new managing director and/or meet the new MD 5. Invite two of the leads from the new structure: for Digital and Learning Systems and for Health and Wellbeing
<p>5.</p>	<p>Next Steps/Actions a) The next meeting of the Group to be arranged for September 2019.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) A letter to be written to the Chair of the ERW Joint Committee outlining the Scrutiny Councillor Group's views and recommendations. c) The Lead Chief Executive to be invited to the next meeting. d) The ERW Scrutiny Terms of Reference be updated based on the discussion. e) Work programme amended and relevant people invited to the next meeting based on the discussion. A draft agenda will be circulated for comment in due course.
<p>6.</p>	<p>Next meeting The next meeting of the ERW Scrutiny Councillor Group will take place on the 23 September 2019 (10.30am to 2.00pm) and to be hosted by Ceredigion Council.</p>



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Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education, Skills and Culture Scrutiny Committee

24th October, 2019

Report of the Head of Transformation – Andrew Thomas

Matter for Information

Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Title: **ADMISSION TO SCHOOLS**

Purpose of the Report:

At the request of Members as part of their forward work programme this report provides Members with information and data in relation to the admission of pupils to Neath Port Talbot schools.

Executive Summary:

The number of admission applications for pupils entering or moving schools in Neath Port Talbot has increased in recent years. The majority of applications are now completed online and the Council was able to offer all applicants for the 2019/20 admissions round their first choice of school.

Background:

Members of the Scrutiny Committee have asked officers to provide a report outlining the results of the annual admission round of pupils entering Neath Port Talbot schools.

Members will be aware that each year permission is sought from Education, Skills and Culture Cabinet to firstly carry out a consultation process with interested parties regarding the Council's Admissions Policy for the year ahead and then in again to the responses to the consultation Cabinet is asked to approve an Admissions Policy.

Whilst the 2019/20 academic year has barely begun, the admission round enabling parents to apply for a school place for their child for the academic year 2020/21 has already commenced having opened for the receipt of applications on 7th October, 2019. Officers have also started the process of drafting the Admissions Policy for the 2021/22 academic year for Members consideration in due course.

For the past two academic years the authority has accepted applications online. Applications by this method have increased significantly this year as the service promotes the option further.

Academic Year 2019/20

Members have previously requested data in relation to the number of pupils who were unable to secure their choice of school within the county borough and also to be provided with information in relation to school capacity.

As the most recent academic year, the data for 2019/20 is provided below for Members information. Applications relate to entry at reception and first-year secondary school. Nursery figures are excluded.

- Number of applications received: 2,881
- Number allocated first choice preference: 2,881 / 100%
- Number of applications processed online: 70.8%

A list of individual schools along with the number of surplus places is attached as Appendix A. Members should note that whilst these

figures represent the overall surplus or over capacity of the school as a whole, admission might be still be denied based on an application to a particular year group which is at full capacity. These figures fluctuate on a daily basis depending on the movement of pupils.

In addition to the application figures above, the Admissions Team also process in-year transfers. These are applications for admissions to a school that are outside of the normal admission round, usually mid-year transfers. Numbers under this category have increased substantially in recent years. For the 2018/19 academic year 925 applications were processed. Within the first four weeks of the current 2019/20 academic year already 375 in-year transfers have been received and processed. Of this figure 21 applications were refused their first choice of school. 17 of the 21 applicants chose to subsequently remain at their current school than accept an alternative school or exercise their right to appeal the decision.

The majority of reasons provided on the application forms for wishing to change their child's school mid-year are relating to accommodation moves within the county and new families moving into the Neath Port Talbot area.

Financial Impacts:

No implications

Integrated Impact Assessment:

There is no requirement to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment as this report is for monitoring / information purposes only.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

No implications

Workforce Impacts:

No implications

Legal Impacts:

No implications

Risk Management Impacts:

No implications

Consultation:

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item

Recommendations:

That Members note the contents of this update report

Appendices:

Appendix A, School Capacity Numbers

List of Background Papers:

None

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School Capacity Numbers, as of end Sept '19		
School	Available Capacity (No's)	School Capacity (%)
Primary		
Abbey Primary	9	97.5
Alltwen Primary	39	83.7
Awel Y Mor	9	97.0
Baglan Primary	29	89.3
Blaenbaglan Primary	39	86.2
Blaendulais Primary	55	66.9
Blaengwrach Primary	2	98.6
Blaenhonddan Primary	14	93.8
Ysgol Carreg Hir	57	86.4
Catwg Primary	34	83.3
Central Primary	over by 13	
Cilffriw Primary	23	89.2
Coed Hirwaun Primary	over by 9	
Coedffranc Primary	91	79.1
Creunant Primary	31	76.9
Croeserw Primary	34	80.9
Crymlyn Primary	3	95.0
Crynallt Primary	2	99.5
Cwmafan Primary	54	87.1
Cwmnedd Primary	30	86.1
Cymer Afan Primary	26	71.1
Eastern Primary	16	91.2
Glyncorwg Primary	63	54.0
Gnoll Primary	40	88.1
Godre'rgraig Primary	30	81.3
Ysgol Cwm Brombil Primary Phase	4	98.1
Llangiwg Primary	39	73.4
Maesmarchog Primary	36	67.9

Melin Primary	40	83.2
Pen Afan Primary	23	82.1
Rhos Primary	54	70.0
Rhydyfro Primary	45	73.2
Sandfields Primary	77	79.3
Tairgwaith Primary	62	58.7
Tonnau Primary	36	82.9
Tywyn Primary	20	94.5
Wauanceirch Primary	40	81.0
Ynysfach Primary	30	82.9
Ysgol Bae Baglan Primary Phase	over by 3	
Welsh Medium		
YGG Blaendulais	41	66.9
YGG Castell Nedd	3	99.1
YGG Cwmllynfell	17	81.5
YGG Cwm Nedd	80	56.8
YGG Gwaun Cae Gurwen	25	85.9
YGG Pontardawe	78	78.3
YGG Rhosafan	10	96.8
YGG Tyle'r Ynn	27	86.9
YGG Trebannws	46	65.2
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur	69	61.7
Secondary		
Cefn Saeson Comprehensive	140	84.8
Cwmtawe Community	61	95.2
Dwr-y-Felin Comprehensive	over by 31	
Ysgol Cwm Brombil Secondary Phase	141	88.3
Llangatwg Community	409	65.0
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur	230	80.8

Ysgol Bae Baglan Secondary Phase	19	98.3
Voluntary Aided Schools		
Alderman Davies CIW	97	76.7
Bryncoch CIW	94	57.1
St Joseph's Infants	12	88.5
St Joseph's Junior	1	99.4
St Joseph's Primary	82	60.0
St Therese's Primary	0	100.0
St Joseph's RC School and 6th Form	56	92.2

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**Education, Skills and Culture Cabinet Scrutiny Committee
Forward Work Programme 2019/20**

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Officer
6 June 2019	Afan Forest Park monitoring report on the impact that the changes may have had on the existing businesses	
	Gnoll Park monitoring report on the effect and income from the decision to increase charges (including information on the Gnoll park business plan and any updates)	
4 July 2019	Report from Task and Finish Group on Promoting Healthy Living amongst NPT Pupils	Chair of T&F
12 Sept 2019	Update on Additional Learning needs Reform	Andrew Thomas/ Hayley Lurvey

	Report on how the Educational Welfare Officers combat persistent absenteeism be included in Pupil Attendance Update (included in cabinet board papers for 12 September)	John Burge / Andrew Thomas
24 October 2019	Report on what vacancies there are in each school and the amount of children who haven't had their first choice of school	John Burge
	ERW Scrutiny Councillor Group Minutes for information	Charlotte Davies
12 December 2019	Update report on MEAS, MEAG and TES	Chris Millis
	Update on the Music Service – Sustainability as the grant is only available for 2 years.	Chris Millis
	Comparative Data on Boys achievements in Schools	Chris Millis
23 January 2020	Update on Pupil Voice/ Youth Council	Jason Heaney and Chris Millis
	Report on how the Unicef Rights Respecting Awards was embedded in the day to day running of schools within Neath Port Talbot.	Andrew Thomas

5 March 2020	Report on the results of the combating poverty pilot (presentation)	Aled Evans
	ERW Scrutiny Councillor Group Minutes for information	Charlotte Davies
23 April 2020	Feminine Hygiene Grant – Update Report	Andrew Thomas
	30 hour childcare – update report relating to the corporate plan	Chris Millis
	Performance report on Modern Foreign Language and comparative data on boys achievements in Schools (included in the Annual Pupil Performance Data Cabinet Board Report)	Chris Millis

Items to be programmed in for future meetings

- Site visits to Bae Baglan and Bro Dur (Mike Daley)

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