

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Children and Young People Cabinet Board

7th April 2016

Report of the Head of Participation - C. Millis

Matter for Information

Wards Affected:

All Wards

Education through Regional Working (ERW) Business Plan 2016-19

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the ERW Business Plan 2016-19 which was previously considered by Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet Board on 14th January 2016 in draft form. This has now been endorsed by the Joint Committee.

Executive Summary

2. ERW is an alliance of 6 local authorities governed by a legally constituted joint committee. Its aim is to implement the agreed regional strategy and business plan to support school improvement. ERW's vision is for a consistently high performing school network across the region with every school a good school offering high standards of teaching under good leadership resulting in all learners achieving their maximum potential.

Background

3. The ERW plan is a three year plan 2016-19 designed and delivered by the six constituent local authorities of ERW. It has been formally discussed and agreed by the Joint Committee.

There are three priority outcomes –

- Leading learning
- Teaching and learning
- Support for learning

In addition, the region is working to reduce the impact of poverty on attainment and embed a self-improving system of school led improvement.

Standards are good and improving, when compared with other regions, with performance on all indicators improving at a sustainable and consistent pace. Overall, the region performs well with pupils in receipt of free school meals more likely to perform well in ERW than in other regions.

4. The ERW strategy sets the following expectations and challenges:
 - ensure effective performance in all schools
 - robustly and consistently challenging the performance of schools and the outcomes achieved by learners
 - deploy a differentiated system of professional support to schools in proportion to need through nationally agreed categorisation framework
 - supporting strategies to develop the literacy and numeracy skills of learners
 - to improve outcomes for disadvantaged learners
 - facilitate effective school to school support in order to improve performance and outcomes

- managing and deploying well trained challenge advisers to challenge performance and broker bespoke support

Financial Impact

5. There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

Equality Impact Assessment

6. There are no equality impacts associated with this report.

Workforce Impacts

7. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impacts

8. There are no legal impacts associated with this report.

Risk Management

9. There are no risk management issues associated with this report.

Consultation

10. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

11. That members note the ERW Business Plan which was endorsed by the Joint Committee with the intention to update members regularly on its development.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

12. N/A

Implementation of Decision

13. N/A

Appendices

14. Link to ERW Business Plan below.

List of Background Papers

15. ERW Business Plan 2016-19. <http://www.erw.wales/media/104696/erw-business-plan-2016-2019-eng-march-2016.pdf>

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