

LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 9th June, 2022.

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Present: Councillor R.R. Thomas (Chair); Councillors A. Asbrey, R.E. Godfrey, W. Gilligan, E.J. Goodjohn, H.P. Hodges, J. Lynch-Wilson, N.B. Marshallsea, J.M. Norman, H.M. Payne and E. Penn.

Co-opted Members: Dr. M. Price (Roman Catholic Church), L. Barrowclough (Parent Governor – Primary Sector) and G. Scott (Welsh Medium Education)

Also present: Councillors L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), R.M. Birch (Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language), G.D.D. Carroll and G. John.

AGENDA ITEM 1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR –

RESOLVED - T H A T Councillor H.M. Payne be appointed Vice-Chair of the Scrutiny Committee for the Municipal year.

AGENDA ITEM 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillor W.A. Hennessy, R. Morteo (Church in Wales) and I. Cramb (Vale Youth Forum).

AGENDA ITEM 3. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 7th April, 2022 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 5. INTRODUCTION TO THE LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –

AGREED – T H A T the introductory presentation be noted.

AGENDA ITEM 6. ANNUAL EQUALITY MONITORING REPORT 2020 – 2021
(REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T both the Cabinet reference and appended report as received in relation to the Annual Equality Monitoring Report 2020 – 2021 be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the Cabinet report setting out the Council's future focus of activity in delivering the Council's Strategic Equality Plan 2020-24.

AGENDA ITEM 7. HOW SCHOOLS IN THE VALE HAVE USED THE RECRUIT, RECOVER, RAISE STANDARDS: ACCELERATING LEARNING PROGRAMME GRANT TO SUPPORT LEARNERS (DLS) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the findings of the report regarding the use and impact of the Recruit, Recover, Raise Standards (RRRS) Grant in Vale of Glamorgan schools be noted.

(2) T H A T the support provided by schools to support learners who have been impacted most by the pandemic be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the covering and appended report in relation to the current use and impact of the RRRS grant including case studies of how the grant is used in schools as well as the universal and targeted support that schools have provided for pupils who have been impacted most by the pandemic.

AGENDA ITEM 8. 4TH QUARTER SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION TRACKING 2021/22 AND PROPOSED ANNUAL FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME SCHEDULE 2022/23 (CX) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the status of the actions listed in Appendix A to the report be agreed.

(2) T H A T the Cabinet Annual Forward Work Programme for 2022/23 attached at Appendix C to the report, in the context of the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee Annual Forward Work Programme 2022/23 content, be noted.

(3) T H A T the 4th Quarter Forward Work Programme 2021/22 attached at Appendix B to the report be noted.

(4) T H A T the Committee's proposed Annual Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2022/23 attached at Appendix D to the report be approved and uploaded to the Council's website.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) To maintain effective tracking of the Committee's recommendations.
- (2) To align with section 7.6 of the Cabinet and Scrutiny Roles and Responsibilities Protocol.
- (3&4) Having regard to the contents of the draft Forward Work Programme (Appendix D) and subsequent discussion at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9. MATTER WHICH THE CHAIR HAD DECIDED WAS URGENT –

RESOLVED – T H A T the following matter which the Chair had decided was urgent for the reason given beneath the minute heading be considered.

AGENDA ITEM 9(i) SCHOOLS BUDGET AND ADMISSIONS FORUM REPRESENTATION (DLS) –

(Urgent by reason of the need to confirm the relevant Budget and Admission Forum representative(s) so that future Forum meetings may be arranged as soon as possible for the new Municipal term)

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T Councillor Emma Goodjohn be appointed as the Scrutiny Committee Representative on the Schools Budget Forum.
- (2) T H A T Councillor Naomi Marshallsea be appointed as the Scrutiny Committee Representative on the Schools Admissions Forum.

Reason for recommendations

(1&2) To ensure that the Forum includes a Member of the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee as well as the Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language.