

## START WELL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote meeting, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.

The Committee agenda is available [here](#).

The recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Present: Councillor R.R. Thomas (Chair); Councillors A. Asbrey, J. Aviet, W. Gilligan, E. Goodjohn, S.M. Hanks, W.A. Hennessy, N.P. Hodges, J. Lynch-Wilson, H.M. Payne and E. Penn.

Co-opted Members: M. Werrett (Church in Wales), Dr. M. Price (Roman Catholic Church), L. Barrowclough (Parent Governor – Primary Sector), G. van der Burgt (Parent Governor – Secondary Sector), P. Bond and R. Davies (Vale Youth Council).

Also Present: Councillors R.M. Birch (Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language), L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing) and Dr. I.J. Johnson.

### AGENDA ITEM 1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T Councillor H.M. Payne be appointed Vice-Chair for the Municipal year.

### AGENDA ITEM 2. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor S.J. Haines.

### AGENDA ITEM 3. MINUTES OF THE LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2025 –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 be approved as a correct record.

### AGENDA ITEM 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 5. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME SCHEDULE 2025/26 (DCR) –  
RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the proposed changes to the draft Forward Work Programme for 2025/26 (Amended Appendix A to the report) be agreed.
- (2) T H A T the remit of the Start Well Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6. MATTER WHICH THE CHAIR HAD DECIDED WAS URGENT –

RECOMMENDED – 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 6(i) SHARING OF PUPIL LEVEL ATTAINMENT DATA (DCR) –  
**(Urgent by the reason for the need to consider the response from Welsh Government in a timely manner)**

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the response letter from the Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Education as attached at Appendix A to the report be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.