

PWYLLGOR CRAFU ADDYSG A PHLANT
24^{AIN} O IONAWR 2019

Pwnc: Diweddariad Craffu ERW

Pwrpas: I roi diweddariad ar ERW a throsolwg o'r cynigion i'w hystyried gan Gydbwyllgor ERW ar 8fed o Chwefror 2019

Ystyried y materion canlynol a chyflwyno sylwadau arnynt:-

Cyflwyniad a dderbyniwyd ym Mhwyllgor Craffu Cynghorwyr ERW a gynhaliwyd ar y 10fed o Ionawr 2019.

Rhesymau:

Er gwybodaeth Aelodau

Angen cyfeirio'r mater at y Bwrdd gweithredol er mwyn gwneud penderfyniad - Na

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Education & Children Scrutiny Committee

24th January 2019

ERW Update- Consolidating a vision for the regional school improvement service

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is to provide an update on ERW, and an overview of the proposals to be considered by the ERW Joint-Committee on the 8th February 2019.

The PowerPoint presentation was presented at the ERW Councillor Scrutiny Meeting held on the 10th of January, attended by the Chair and Vice Chair of this Scrutiny Committee.

The Joint Committee will consider a report which offers a clear rationale for, and proposed structure for a reformed regional partnership to deliver school improvement across ERW. There has been extensive dialogue with the leaders of the 6 authorities' education departments and a widespread engagement with the headteacher community across the region.

It is intended that a reformed ERW will provide clarity of roles between the regional consortium, local authorities, joint working across two or more authorities and schools themselves.

A mature ERW partnership must deliver an effective model of a self-improving system- that is a system where every component part understands what excellence looks like, can identify its own strengths and weaknesses effectively, and can share strengths confidently and seek out solutions to the weaknesses without fear. These principles should apply to schools, groups of schools and to local authorities.

The National Mission for education in Wales aims to develop:

- A new curriculum for all learners in Wales
- A high-quality education profession
- Inspirational leaders working collaboratively to raise standards
- Strong and inclusive schools committed to excellence, equality and well-being
- Robust assessment, evaluation and accountability arrangements supporting a self-improving system

The need for an effective regional service is compelling. Every teacher across the region is worthy of support with preparing for the new curriculum, and school leaders (including governors) are entitled to know that their schools receive support and challenge in a way that is consistent with other schools in similar circumstances, using the best methods possible. Currently ERW is not well-placed for supporting the reform, but a re-framed ERW can fulfil these obligations and play a fuller part in developing education across West and Mid Wales.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Gareth Morgans

Director of Education and Children

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
None	Yes	Yes	None	Yes	Yes	None

Legal

ERW has a Legal Agreement which addresses issues such as- *Lead Functions, Scheme of Delegation, Financial and Audit requirements, role of Executive Board and Lead Officers and notice period for change*. Should there be substantial changes to ERW's configuration there might be a need to review and reconsider the legal agreement that exists between the 6 partner local authorities to ensure it remains fit for purpose.

Finance

Every partner pays an annual contribution to cover the current core costs of ERW which for Carmarthenshire is £53k. In addition we allocate staff to work in the ERW model (Principal Challenge Advisers, Challenge Advisers, and Associate School Improvement Officers). One of the principles agreed for the revised model is to ensure value for money and that more funding is pass-ported directly to schools.

Risk Management

ERW is the vehicle used to deliver school improvement services for the 6 partner local authorities. To ensure the best possible educational provision and attainment for Carmarthenshire's learners we need to ensure that we have the best possible service that ensures schools are challenged and well supported to achieve this aim.

Staffing Implications

A number of current ERW staff are secondees from Carmarthenshire. The revised model being considered could lead to staff having to return to work solely for Carmarthenshire which could have an impact on current staff who have been undertaking those roles on a temporary basis.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Gareth Morgans

Director of Education and Children

1 Scrutiny Committee N/A

2 Local Members N/A

3 Community Town Council N/A

4 Relevant Partners- YES (Leader, Chief Executive, Director, Headteachers)

5 Staff Side Representation and other organisations- YES- done by ERW

**SECTION 100D LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 – ACCESS TO INFORMATION
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT:**

No Files to be referred to.