



Carmarthenshire County Council's Scrutiny Function Annual Report 2015/16

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Foreword

I am pleased to present this Annual Report for Carmarthenshire County Council's Scrutiny Function for the 2015/16 municipal year.

The Annual Report provides a useful opportunity to reflect on the work of the Council's Scrutiny Committees during the past year.

It has continued to be a challenging period for the Council, particularly the unprecedented budget situation faced by all local authorities in Wales. However, I'm sure that all the scrutiny committees have played their part in terms of scrutinising performance and contributing to key council policies and decisions.

A number of joint meetings held during the past year which allowed a number of cross-cutting issues to be discussed and scrutinised by our committees. Joint meetings are beneficial in that they help pool the expertise found on different committees and in turn improving all members' knowledge of important topics.

It was also pleasing to note the public participation at a meeting of the Education & Children Scrutiny Committee in March 2016 as parents and community representatives from Llanedi addressed the Committee with a series of questions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our Scrutiny Committees for their constructive input during the course of the year as well as my colleagues on the Chairs & Vice-Chairs of Scrutiny Forum. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to our partners' participation in Scrutiny through formal reports and their engagement in our detailed investigations.

Finally I would like to thank all the officers who have provided support, advice and guidance throughout the year, particularly those in the Democratic Services Unit.

*Cllr. Hugh Richards
Chair of Chairs & Vice-Chairs of Scrutiny Forum
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Scrutiny in Carmarthenshire

Scrutiny plays a key role in improving the services that the people and children of Carmarthenshire use. The majority of decisions are made by the Executive Board of 10 county councillors. Scrutiny offers the other 64 councillors an opportunity to influence those decisions and act as a 'critical friend'. It is also useful in ensuring that Council policies reflect current priorities, as well as promoting efficiency and encouraging effective partnership working with external bodies. Scrutiny Committees' main roles and responsibilities are to:

- Examine how well the Executive Board and Council are performing.
- Hold the Executive Board to account and seek to promote open and transparent decision-making.
- Monitor the performance of the Council's services and functions.
- Review decisions made by the Executive Board where appropriate.
- Assist the Executive Board in the development, monitoring and review of policy.
- Scrutinise, as a key element of the consultation process, the proposed revenue budget strategy and capital investment programmes.
- Enable the participation of external organisations and partners in consideration of issues that may impact upon the delivery of Council and countywide priorities.

All non-executive councillors can be appointed to at least one Scrutiny committee, depending on their specialist interests or expertise. Carmarthenshire County Council has 5 Scrutiny Committees:

- Policy & Resources
- Community
- Education & Children

- Environmental & Public Protection
- Social Care & Health

The Committees normally meet 8 times a year on a 6 weekly basis to consider issues and reports included in a scrutiny forward work programme, which is developed at the beginning of the municipal year. Additional meetings are sometimes arranged if required and special or joint meetings may be held to consider urgent or cross-cutting issues.



The Scrutiny Committees are politically balanced to reflect, as far as possible, the political composition of the Council as a whole. The Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Scrutiny Committees are appointed at the beginning of each municipal year for a period of one year (e.g. May 2015 to April 2016) by Council. They also participate in the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Scrutiny Forum which meets on a quarterly basis to oversee the strategic direction of Scrutiny.

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The Scrutiny Committees



Community Scrutiny Committee

The Community Scrutiny Committee has 13 members and its remit covers:

- **Public and private housing**
- **Regeneration**
- **Economic development**
- **Recreation and leisure**
- **Sport**
- **Libraries / Arts / Theatres**
- **Museums / Archives**
- **European grants / External funding**
- **Planning policy**

Committee meetings – During 2015/16 the Committee considered reports on a wide range of topics including:

- Task & Finish Group Action Plan Monitoring: Planning Enforcement and Protocols (jointly with the Planning Committee on two occasions)
- Performance Management Framework (Communities Department)
- Annual Performance Report (Planning)
- Leisure Services Annual Update
- Economic Development Update
- Welsh Government's Home Improvement Loan Scheme
- Alternative Management Options for Leisure
- Our Commitment to Affordable Homes
- Community Infrastructure Levy
- Pre-Application Fees (Planning)
- Review of the Access to Social Housing Policy
- Affordable Homes Delivery Plan
- Community Scrutiny Committee Task & Finish Group 2014/15 – Empty Properties in Carmarthenshire

The Committee was also consulted on the following issues:

- Carmarthenshire County Council's Annual

Report 2014/15 and Improvement Plan 2015/16

- Promoting Independence for Older People in Carmarthenshire (Jointly with the Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee in July 2015)
- Annual Revenue Budget Consultation (2016/17 to 2018/19)
- Housing Revenue Account and Housing Rent Setting 2016/17 (Revenue and Capital)
- The Carmarthenshire Homes Standard Plus (CHS+) 'Delivering What Matters'



The Committee did not undertake a task and finish review or hold any site visits during 2015/16.

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Education & Children Scrutiny Committee

The Education & Children Scrutiny Committee has 18 members and its remit covers:

- **Schools**
- **Children's Services**
- **Youth Service**
- **Inclusion / Special Educational Needs**
- **Adult Community Learning**

Committee meetings – During 2015/16 the Committee considered reports on a wide range of topics including:

- Carmarthenshire Adult & Community Learning Service: Progress Report on ACL Service Provision 2015-16
- Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET): A Carmarthenshire Perspective
- Youth Services Update Report
- ERW Business Plan 2015/16 and Review of 2014/15
- Results of the 2015 Teacher Assessment and External Examinations
- School Performance and Achievement 2014/15
- Carmarthenshire's School Categorisation Outcomes 2016
- Welsh in Education Strategic Plan update
- School Attendance
- Annual Report of the Statutory Director of Social Services on the effectiveness of Social Care Services in Carmarthenshire 2014/15 (jointly with the Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee in June 2015)
- CYSUR (Regional Safeguarding Children Board) Annual Report 2014/15
- Children & Young People's Participation Strategy 2015-18, Action Plan and Children's Rights Promise
- Care & Social Services Inspectorate Wales' (CSSIW) Inspection, Evaluation and Review of Local Authority Social Services 2014/15

(jointly with the Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee in November 2015)

- Mid & West Wales Adoption Service
- Corporate Parenting & Safeguarding Panel Annual Report
- Sickness absence management within schools

It was also consulted on the following matters:

- Introduction of a Corporate Safeguarding Policy to cover all Council service areas
- Modernising Education Programme: Proposed discontinuation of Copperworks
- Infants & Nursery School and Lakefield Primary School and the establishment of a new primary school
- Revenue Budget Strategy Consultation 2016/17 to 2018/19
- Modernising Education Programme: Proposal to change the language category of Ysgol Bro Myrddin from Bilingual (2A) to Welsh-medium (WM)
- Modernising Education Programme: Proposal to discontinue Llangennech Infant School and Llangennech Junior School and establish Llangennech Community Primary School
- Modernising Education Programme: Proposal to discontinue Llanedi Primary School
- Modernising Education Programme: Proposal to discontinue Bancffosfelen Primary School
- Modernising Education Programme: Proposal to discontinue Llanmiloe Primary, Tremolet Voluntary Controlled and Laugharne Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools and create a new area school
- Modernising Education Programme: Proposals to change the age ranges of Betws, Pembrey, Pwll and Bynea Primary Schools from 4-11 to 3-11

- Future provision of Adult Community Learning by the Education & Children Department
- Proposals for 3-19 curriculum and assessment reform in Carmarthenshire Schools
- Carmarthenshire County Council's Annual Report 2014/15 and Improvement Plan 2015/16
- Sustaining Post-Sixteen College/School Transport (jointly with the Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee in September 2015)
- Modernising Education Programme: School Organisation Decision Making and Determination Process

Task & Finish Review - At its meeting in September 2015, the Committee agreed to form a task and finish group to research and review the attainment gap for e-FSM learners. A total of 6 meetings were held between December 2015 and June during which the Group received presentations and considered evidence from a range of stakeholders including head teachers and the Wales Centre for Equity in Education. The sessions were designed to provide the Group with the relevant information, context and background to the topic. Following its first meeting, the Group agreed that the scope for the review would be:

- Learners eligible for free school meals, including Looked After Children, and the attainment gap in Carmarthenshire.

The Group agreed that the main aims of the review would be:

- To research the attainment gap for learners eligible for free school meals in Carmarthenshire.
- To identify trends at all key stages and key

indicators.

- To review how the Pupil Deprivation Grant is being used in our schools.
- To identify best practice interventions in the County's schools, across ERW, the rest of Wales and the UK.
- To raise the profile of the challenge of overcoming the attainment gap in the midst of shrinking budgets, other priorities and curriculum changes.
- To formulate recommendations for consideration by the Executive Board.

The Group is expected to report back on its findings and recommendations in autumn 2016.

Site Visits - In addition to its regular meetings, the Committee also continued with the programme of school visits and visited 14 schools / Children's Services facilities between May 2015 and April 2016.

Following its visit to Cwrt Henri in October 2015, the Committee has now visited all the County's primary, secondary and special schools, along with the 3 integrated family centres, since the programme commenced in 2009/10.



It has now begun to re-visit schools, linking in with the School Improvement Panel's work programme and the Authority's Modernising Education Programme proposals.

Children's Services also organised a series of visits to frontline teams between May and July 2015, including:

- Central Referral Team
- Fostering Service
- Reviewing and Conference Team
- Education Welfare Service
- Young Carers Service
- Mid and West Wales Adoption Service
- Children's Disability Team and Transition Team
- Blaenau and Llys Caradog Respite Centres and the Garreglwyd Unit

The aim of the visits was to provide members with a better understanding of the work being undertaken to safeguard vulnerable children and to meet the staff working with these children on a daily basis.

Development Sessions - A scrutiny-specific development session was held in November 2015 for members of the Committee, as part of the site visits programme (pictured top right). The development session was held in the Flying Start Offices, New Street, Llanelli where the Committee received an overview of the Flying Start Service, the Families First Programme and the Team Around the Family (TAF) model. The morning session was followed in the afternoon by a visit to the Ty Mair Family Centre in Burry Port where the Committee received an overview of the services provided at the centre as well as speaking with the Centre Manager and a representative from Plant Dewi.



Co-opted Members - Only the Education & Children Scrutiny Committee has co-opted members. They are:

- Mrs. Emma Heyes (Parent Governor Member for Area 3 – Llanelli)
- Mrs. Kate Hill (Parent Governor Member for Area 1 – Dinefwr)
- Mrs. Alex Pickles (Parent Governor Member for Area 2 – Carmarthen)
- Mrs. Vera Kenny (Roman Catholic Church Representative)
- Revd. Canon Bryan Witt (Church in Wales Representative)

The three new parent governors were elected onto the Committee with effect from 1st April 2016 for a period of two years.

Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee

The Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee has 14 members and its remit covers:

- Visible front-line services (e.g. highways, street cleaning, waste and recycling services, town-centre management, grounds maintenance, public conveniences, bus shelters and maintenance of car parks)
- Regional Waste Plan
- Transport
- Vehicle Maintenance
- Road Safety
- On/Off Street and Residents' Car Parking
- Conservation
- Consultancy & Design Services
- Shoreline Management
- Coastal Protection
- Contaminated Land
- Air Pollution
- Trading Standards
- Community Safety
- Environmental Health
- Environmental Enforcement (e.g. litter, dog fouling)
- Pest control
- Planning Enforcement

Committee meetings - In addition to its regular monitoring reports, the Committee requested and received a number of reports on areas of specific concern and interest, such as:

- Stray Horses
- Money Wise Online
- Area Planning Board Report on Drug and Alcohol Misuse Strategy and Development 2014/15
- Task and Finish Group Action Plan Monitoring: Review of Substance Misuse Treatment Services
- Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2014/15

- Substance Misuse Services Visits Update
- Rural Conservation Unit Update
- Highways Update



It was also consulted on:

- Carmarthenshire County Council's Annual Report 2014/15 and Improvement Plan 2015/16
- Sustaining Post-Sixteen College/School Transport (jointly with the Education & Children Scrutiny Committee in September 2015)
- Annual Revenue Budget Consultation (2016/17 to 2018/19)
- Dog Control Orders: Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014
- Waste Service: Defining the strategic direction and the transition from 60% to 70% recycling
- The Environment Act 1995: Public consultation on Carmarthen and Llanelli Air Quality
- Review of locally set fees in the Environmental Health and Licensing Section
- Review of Gambling Policy
- Review of Statement of Licensing Policy (Licensing Act 2003)
- Road Safety Strategy

Task and Finish Review - At its meeting in May 2015, the Committee discussed a recent motion at County Council (15th April 2015) in relation to car parking charges in Llanelli Town Centre. The Chair suggested that as this was an issue of concern across the county, the Committee could consider undertaking a task and finish review to investigate the matter in more detail. It was suggested that such a review could consider the approaches of other local authorities as well as investigating options that would seek to support foot-fall in town centres whilst also meeting the requirements of the Authority's Parking Strategy. The Committee endorsed the suggestion.



At the Group's first meeting in October 2015, it agreed that the scope of the review would focus on:

- Charging Policy (to include Parking Strategy & Policy)
- Legislation relating to Traffic Management and Parking
- The purpose of parking charges
- Car park demand / usage
- Revenue distribution and impact of reducing charges
- Research evidence on the impact of car park charging
- Main town centre footfall
- Car park charges and competitiveness including socio-economic issues

The Group held 6 meetings between October 2015 and April 2016. The final report was presented to the main Committee at its meeting in May 2016. The Group made 11 recommendations all of which were accepted by the Executive Board at its meeting in July 2016.



Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee

The Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee has 13 members and its remit covers:

- **Monitoring authority wide policy and performance issues and scrutiny of the Local Service Board**
- **Cross-cutting issues**
- **Sustainable Development**
- **Finance**
- **Property**
- **Information Technology**
- **Communications**
- **Customer Services**
- **Audit**
- **Procurement**
- **Non-housing maintenance**
- **Organisational Development**
- **Human Resources**
- **Markets**
- **Emergency Planning**

Committee meetings - Reports considered by the Committee this year included:

- Strategic Equality Plan Annual Report 2014/15
- Annual Treasury Management and Prudential Indicator Report 2014/15
- Wales Audit Office's (WAO) Assessment of Carmarthenshire County Council's Transform, Innovate and Change Programme
- Spend on External Consultants 2014/15
- Welsh Language Scheme Annual Report 2014/15
- Complying with the new Welsh Language Standards
- ICT Strategy Update
- Carmarthenshire Local Service Board Update 2015
- Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

It was also consulted on:

- Carmarthenshire County Council's Annual Report 2014/15 and Improvement Plan 2015/16
- Draft Corporate Strategy 2015-2020
- Ageing Well In Wales: Local Ageing Well Plans
- Draft Strategic Equality Plan 2016-2020
- Welsh Language Skills Strategy
- Revenue Budget Strategy Consultation 2016/17 to 2018/19
- Five Year Capital Programme 2016/17 - 2020/21
- Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2016-17



Development Sessions - A Treasury Management Refresher Training session was held in April 2016 for members of the Committee, in relation to its Treasury Management responsibilities.

Procurement Strategy Focus Group - At its meeting in June 2015, the Committee requested the establishment of a focus group to assist with the revision of the Council's Procurement Strategy. During the 2015/16, the Group met on two occasions.

Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee

The Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee has 14 members and its remit covers:

- **Social services for older people**
- **Adults with learning disabilities**
- **Mental health services**
- **Nutritional standards**
- **Delayed Transfers of Care (DToc)**

Committee meetings - Reports considered by the Committee this year included:

- Annual Report of the Statutory Director of Social Services on the effectiveness of Social Care Services in Carmarthenshire 2014/15 (jointly with the Education & Children Scrutiny Committee in May 2015)
- Mid & West Wales Health and Social Care Collaborative Updates
- Hywel Dda Information & Consultation Strategy for Carers: Annual Report 2014/15
- Coleshill Centre for Economic Inclusion Progress Report
- Carmarthenshire Foundations 4 Change
- Annual Report on Adult Safeguarding 2014/15
- Care & Social Services Wales' (CSSIW) Inspection, Evaluation and Review of Local Authority Social Services 2014/15
- Welsh Language in Social Care Services for Older People
- Improving Support for people who have Dementia and their families
- Health & Social Care Support Worker Project
- Intermediate Care Fund (ICF) Project
- Nutritional Standards for Older People
- Implementation of charges for non-residential Social Services for Adults which were previously free: Post Implementation Evaluation
- Evaluation of the 'Big Plan' (Learning Disabilities)

It was also consulted on:

- Carmarthenshire County Council's Annual Report 2014/15 and Improvement Plan 2015/16
- Social Services & Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014: Policy and procedure revisions for charging adults for services
- Introduction of a new charge for a placement into a Flexi-Bed in a Care Home
- Annual Revenue Budget Consultation (2016/17 to 2018/19)
- Our Commitment to Affordable Homes (jointly with the Community Scrutiny Committee in July 2015)
- Introduction of a Corporate Safeguarding Policy that covers all the Council's Service Areas
- Community Nutritional Strategy for Carmarthenshire Integrated Services
- Ageing Well in Wales: Local Ageing Well Plans
- Promoting Independence for Older People in Carmarthenshire



Development Sessions - Whilst no specific development sessions were held for this Committee, the County Council received a presentation on Dementia and the work being undertaken by the Alzheimer's Society, at its meeting in March 2016. This followed a recommendation by the Committee during the 2014/15 municipal year that a development session be held for all elected members in relation to raising awareness about Dementia. The Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friendly Communities Co-ordinator gave a presentation which was followed by a question and answer session.

Site Visits - The Committee undertook three site visits during the past municipal year. The Committee visited the Cwm Aur Extra Care Scheme and Annedd Care Home in Llanybydder in July 2015 and the Cartref Cynnes Extra Care Scheme in Carmarthen in March 2016 (pictured below).



Other activities during 2014/15

Chairs & Vice-Chairs of Scrutiny Forum

The Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Council's Scrutiny Committees usually meet on a quarterly basis to discuss issues relating to the scrutiny function. The Forum, which was established in 2004, is chaired by the Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee, who is also the Council's 'Scrutiny Champion'. During 2015/16, the Forum met on 4 occasions.

Scrutiny Member Development and Training

No scrutiny-specific development and training was held during 2015/16 but the following development sessions were held for all members:

- Social Media and Members (June 2015)
- Customer Services (October 2015)
- Responsibilities under Housing (Wales) Act 2014 and Equality Act 2010 in relation to Gypsies and Travellers (December 2015)
- Safeguarding Children (January 2016)
- Trading Standards (February 2016)

ERW Scrutiny Councillor Group

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Education & Children Scrutiny Committee have attended 2 meetings of this regional group during the past year. This Forum consists of the chairs and vice-chairs of other education / children's services scrutiny committees from across the ERW region which meets twice a year to discuss matters of common interest within the consortium's remit. The Group's meetings are administered by the City & County of Swansea's Scrutiny Team.

Wales Scrutiny Managers Network

Following on from previous scrutiny officer network events in previous years, officers attended the new Scrutiny Managers Network in April 2016. Issues discussed included:

- Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill Proposals
- Public Service Board Scrutiny
- Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) support in Wales
- Older People's Commissioner's Guidance on the role of scrutiny

It is envisaged that the Scrutiny Manager Network will continue to meet 2/3 times a year, with administration to be provided by the WLGA.

Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011

The Democratic Services Unit continues to advise and support the implementation of the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 as guidance is published.

Looking ahead to 2016/17

Each Scrutiny Committee must develop and publish a forward work programme for the forthcoming year and an annual report of what it has done through the previous year.

Under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, Scrutiny Committees have a duty to engage with the public and other stakeholders in developing their forward work programmes.

The Scrutiny Committees agreed their respective Forward Work Programmes for 2016/17 at their meetings in May/June 2016. The work programmes are available to view online at www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/scrutiny

The Council continues to face serious budgetary pressures and needs to identify and achieve more savings and efficiencies over the next three years.

A key achievement for the Authority will be to maintain and deliver improvements to services, whilst meeting the required savings targets. Scrutiny Committees will continue to contribute and challenge in a constructive way to support the Council in meeting these challenges.

Other key areas that the Committees will be focussing on include:

Community - Monitoring the recommendations of the Planning Enforcement task and finish review (Jointly with Planning), Affordable Homes New Build Programme Phase 1, Review of Access to Social Housing Policy (Post-Consultation) and the National Licensing of Landlords and Agents. The Committee has also indicated that it wishes to undertake a series of site visits to the County's museums and libraries.

Education & Children - Improving standards and performance in schools, Additional

Learning Needs Reform, the draft Carmarthenshire Curriculum Declaration, ERW Inspection by ESTYN 2016 and the Behaviour Services Review. The Committee will continue with its programme of visits to schools.

Environmental & Public Protection - Animal Establishment & Licensing Fees, Kerbside Green Waste Collection, Highway Safety & Footway Investment Programme and the Waste Strategy. The Committee has also indicated that it wishes to undertake site visits to view bridges that have recently been upgraded or replaced as well as relevant coastal locations to view work relating to coastal protection.

Policy & Resources - Efficiencies and making the most effective use of our shrinking resources, a revised Procurement Strategy, the Council's Well-Being Objectives and the new Public Service Board.

Social Care & Health - Carmarthenshire Dementia Framework for Action, Information Advice & Assistance (IAA), Deprivation of Liberty (DoLS) and the Commissioning Framework. The Committee also intends visiting the newly opened Ty Dyffryn Extra Care Scheme in Ammanford.

Support for the Scrutiny Function

In July 2015, support for Carmarthenshire County Council's scrutiny function was transferred from the former Scrutiny & Consultancy Team, based in the People Management & Performance Division, to the Democratic Services Unit, based in the Administration & Law Division of the Chief Executive's Department.

Support for the Scrutiny function includes:

- Providing support and constitutional advice to the Council's Scrutiny Committees and to members of those Committees as well as producing minutes of their meetings and ensuring items arising from those meetings are actioned
- Giving support and advice in relation to the functions of the Council's Scrutiny Committees to executive and non-executive members of the Council and its officers
- Managing the strategic development of Scrutiny in Carmarthenshire through engaging in national and regional Scrutiny networks and initiatives, supporting the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Scrutiny Forum, and the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Executive Board Forum
- Advising and supporting the implementation of the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 as guidance is published
- Managing the co-ordination and development of the Scrutiny forward work programmes in conjunction with Scrutiny members
- Managing and co-ordinating Scrutiny review work, including the operation of scrutiny task and finish groups, authoring reports in conjunction with the groups, and assisting in

the implementation and monitoring of completed reviews

- Managing the Scrutiny member development programme.
- Despatching agendas for Scrutiny Committee meetings a minimum of 4 working days prior to the meeting.

For more information on scrutiny in Carmarthenshire including work programmes, task and finish reports and annual reports, visit the County Council's website at: www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/scrutiny

To contact the Democratic Services Unit, please call 01267 224028 or email: scrutiny@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

Chairs & Vice-Chairs during 2015/16

Policy & Resources



Cllr. Hugh Richards
Chair
(Felinfoel)
Independent



Cllr. Glynog Davies
Vice-Chair
(Cwarter Bach)
Plaid Cymru

Community



Cllr. Deryk Cundy
Chair
(Bynea)
Labour



Cllr. Edward Thomas
Vice-Chair
(Llandeilo)
Independent

Education & Children



Cllr. Eirwyn Williams
Chair
(Cynwyl Gaeo)
Plaid Cymru



Cllr. Ryan Bartlett
Vice-Chair
(Betws)
Labour

Environmental & Public Protection



Cllr. Peter Cooper
Chair
(Saron)
Labour



Cllr. Ivor Jackson
Vice-Chair
(Llandovery)
Independent

Social Care & Health



Cllr. Gwyneth Thomas
Chair
(Llangennech)
Plaid Cymru



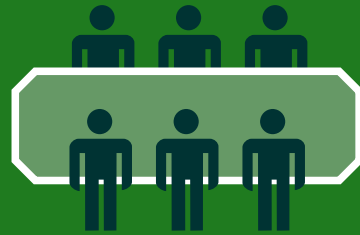
Cllr. Sue Allen
Vice-Chair
(Whitland)
Independent



17 site visit held by the scrutiny committees during 2015/16

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Chairs & Vice-Chairs Forum meetings held



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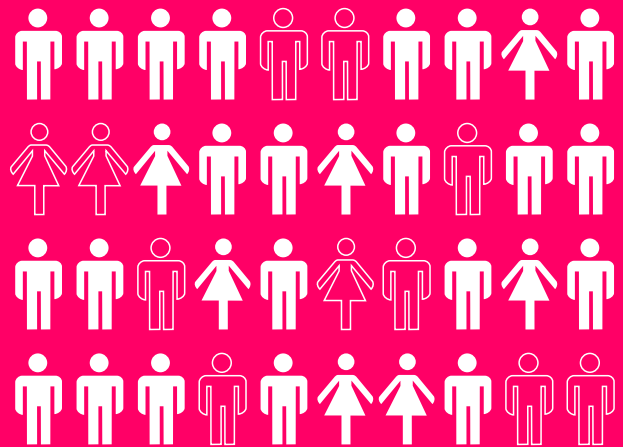
committee meetings held in 2015/16

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joint-meetings held in 2015/16



task and finish reviews undertaken during 2015/16



73% average attendance at committee meetings during 2015/16

Glossary of Terms

ACL - Adult & Community Learning

Bilingual (2A) - At least 80% of subjects apart from English and Welsh are taught through the medium of Welsh to all pupils. One or two subjects are taught to some pupils in English or in both languages.

CfPS - Centre for Public Scrutiny

CHS+ - Carmarthenshire Homes Standard Plus

CSSIW - Care & Social Services Inspectorate Wales

CYSUR - Children and Youth Safeguarding and Unifying the Region

DoLS - Deprivation of Liberty

DToC - Delayed Transfers of Care

e-FSM - (Pupils) Eligible for Free School Meals

ESTYN - The Office of Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales

ERW - Education through Regional Working

IAA - Information Advice & Assistance

ICF - Intermediate Care Fund

ICT - Information & Communication Technology

NEET - Not in Education, Employment or Training

TAF - Team Around the Family

WAO - Welsh Audit Office

WG - Welsh Government

WLGA - Welsh Local Government Association

WM - Welsh-Medium