

FORTHCOMING ITEMS – TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EDUCATION, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2024

In order to ensure effective Scrutiny, Members need to be clear as to the purpose of requesting specific information and the outcome they are hoping to achieve as a consequence of examining a report. Limiting the number of agenda items may help to keep meetings focused and easier to manage.

Agenda Item	Background	Reason for report
DRAFT DIVISIONAL SERVICE DELIVERY PLANS	<p>The Divisional Delivery Plans set the strategic actions and measures that the services within the Division will take forward in order for the Council to make progress against its Well-being Objectives, thematic priorities and service priorities.</p> <p>Draft Plans are prepared to accompany and aid budgetary discussions, while final Plans are published in line with the new financial year in April 2024.</p>	<p>This item will enable the Committee to consider and comment on the Education and Children's Services Business Plan's relevant to its remit.</p>
REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY CONSULTATION	<p>As part of the Council's consultation procedures on the development of its budget strategy, all scrutiny committees are provided with the opportunity of considering commenting on the Strategy.</p>	<p>The objective of the report is to allow members to consider the corporate budget strategy and the associated service delivery impact and options for the forthcoming years.</p>
UPDATE ON THE CHILDCARE OFFER FOR WALES	<p>In 2018/19 the Education & Children Scrutiny Committee completed a Task & Finish Review of the current provision for early years education, childcare and play opportunities.</p>	<p>To receive an update on the Childcare Offer for Wales in accordance with its intended primary aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -enable more parents, particularly mothers, to return to work -increase the disposable income of those in work and help counteract poverty for those in low-paid jobs

		-encourage child development and school readiness
UPDATE ON THE STRATEGIC FOCUS GROUPS WITHIN THE EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIVISION	Update on the Eight Priority Areas Priorities within the Education and Children's Services division: The Scrutiny Committee to consider one priority in each quarter of the year, reviewing the objectives and proposing updates/changes as required.	To enable Committee to keep abreast of and review the work of the Education and Children's Services division.
REVENUE & CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2023/24	To provide the Committee with an update on the latest budgetary position as at 31 October 2023, in respect of 2023/24	To allow members to exercise their scrutiny role in relation to the report.
UPDATE ON ESTYN REPORT PUBLICATIONS	To ensure that the Committee are kept abreast of the latest Estyn report publications.	To enable Committee to kept abreast of the latest Estyn report publications and raise items to be added to the Committee's Forward Work Plan.