

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
COMMITTEE:	Corporate Scrutiny Committee
DATE:	11th July, 2017
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	Nomination of Scrutiny Members to serve on the Schools Progress Review Scrutiny Panel
SCRUTINY CHAIR(S):	Councillor Aled Morris Jones
PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S):	Councillor R Meirion Jones (Education, Youth, Libraries & Culture)
HEAD OF SERVICE:	Not Applicable
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1.0 RECOMMENDATION

R1: The Corporate Scrutiny Committee is requested to nominate two further Members to serve on the **Schools Progress Review Scrutiny Panel**

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Members will be aware that consideration was given to a number of panels and boards which require Scrutiny Member representation at the last meeting of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee (convened 26th June, 2017). Nominations were agreed in respect of all panels and boards with exception to the Schools Progress Review Panel, with the Committee nominating 2 Members to the 4 available seats on the Panel.

3.0 DISCUSSION

3.1 In light of its deliberations, the Corporate Scrutiny Committee resolved to nominate 2 Members to sit on the Schools Progress Review Scrutiny Panel namely:

- Councillor Alun Roberts
- Councillor John Arwel Roberts

Also, the Committee deferred nomination to the 2 remaining seats on the Panel until its next meeting scheduled for 11th July due to the fact that 3 members of the Committee had been unable to attend the meeting.

- 3.2 There is therefore now a need for the Committee to nominate **2 further Members** to sit on the Scrutiny Panel. The terms of reference pertaining to the Panel is attached (**APPENDIX 1**) in order to assist Members in the selection process.
- 3.3 Members should be aware that the rules governing “Political Balance” do not apply to membership of panels and boards.

APPENDIX
Terms of Reference of the School Progress Review Panel

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APPENDIX 1

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE SCHOOL PROGRESS REVIEW PANEL

The purpose of this document is to set the overall terms of reference of the School Progress Review Panel (Panel).

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Panel was established on the 21 November 2012 by the Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee. It arose from recommendations made by Estyn on the quality of education services for children and young people on Anglesey.
- 1.2 The Head of Learning and Senior School Standards and Inclusion Manager provides guidance to the Panel about schools that may be appropriate to invite to appear before it. The criterion used to select schools is based on the national school categorisation framework, school performance and Estyn reports and the aim is to have a good mix of small, medium, large and primary/secondary schools. It is emphasised that the decision as to which school is invited to appear before it lies solely with the Panel.
- 1.3 The Panel can invite schools to reappear before them if there are matters that need to be revisited at a later date.

2.0 ROLE OF THE PANEL

- 2.1 To improve performance of all schools on Anglesey by providing robust challenge on individual school's performance.
- 2.2 To encourage the sharing of good practice between schools, taking on board lessons learnt and individual school's experience.
- 2.3 To enhance local members knowledge about key performance drivers and challenges that face schools on Anglesey.
- 2.4 To give confidence to the Senior Leadership Team, Scrutiny, Council Executive and regulators that school performance is being monitored by members.
- 2.5 To assist the learning Service with overall educational programmes and projects and increase knowledge of joint working arrangements between the Council and GwE (School Effectiveness and Improvement Service for North Wales) to raise standards.

3.0 PROCESS AND REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

- 3.1 To receive reports by the Head of Learning and Senior School Standards on individual school performance.

- 3.2 To receive reports by relevant school challenge and support advisor (GwE) on individual school performance.
- 3.3 To receive reports from head teachers on school performance together with procedures adopted that have led to improved performance.
- 3.4 To make recommendations or raise any issue of concern to the attention of the Head of Learning and relevant Portfolio Holder where necessary.
- 3.5 To escalate matters to scrutiny where necessary.
- 3.6 To submit progress reports to the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee each calendar year.

4.0 MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 The Panel to consist of 8 members (the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee to nominate 4 members and the Corporate Scrutiny Committee to nominate 4 members).
- 4.2 If any nominated member resigns from the Panel or is no longer able to stay as a member on the Panel (for whatever reason), the parent scrutiny committee will nominate another member as a replacement.

5.0 FREQUENCY AND ADMINISTRATION

- 5.1 The Panel will aim to consider the performance of 10 schools in each calendar year.
- 5.2 All Panel meetings will have a written agenda with members having the opportunity to propose agenda items in advance of the meeting.
- 5.3 All Panel meetings will have minutes taken consisting of a summary record of key discussion points and any actions agreed.
- 5.4 The Panel does not require a minimum number of members in attendance to proceed, but serious consideration be given to adjourning the meeting if fewer than three members are in attendance.

6.0 REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 6.1 The Terms of Reference will be reviewed annually by the Panel. Any proposed changes to be submitted to the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee for formal approval.