

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL Scrutiny Report Template

Committee:	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Date:	6 February 2018
Subject:	Nomination to the Scrutiny Panel-School Progress Review
Purpose of Report:	To nominate one Member of this Committee
Scrutiny Chair:	Councillor Gwilym Jones
Portfolio Holder(s):	Councillor R Meirion Jones (Education, Youth, Libraries & Culture)
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Local Members:	Not Applicable

1 - Recommendation/s

1.1 The Committee is requested to nominate one member to replace Councillor Eric Jones on the Scrutiny Panel: Review of School Progress.

2 – Link to Council Plan / Other Corporate Priorities

Not applicable

3 – Guiding Principles for Scrutiny Members

To assist Members when scrutinising the topic:-

3.1 Impact the matter has on individuals and communities [**focus on customer/citizen**]

3.2 A look at the efficiency & effectiveness of any proposed change – both financially and in terms of quality [**focus on value**]

3.3 A look at any risks [**focus on risk**]

3.4 Scrutiny taking a performance monitoring or quality assurance role [**focus on performance & quality**]

3.5 Looking at plans and proposals from a perspective of:

- Long term
- Prevention
- Integration
- Collaboration
- Involvement

[**focus on wellbeing**]

4 - Key Scrutiny Questions

Not applicable

5 – Background / Context

On 17 September, 2017 the Partnership and Scrutiny Committee received a report requesting nominations from 4 Members of this Committee to sit on the Scrutiny Panel: School Progress Review (the Scrutiny Panel). Members nominated included Cllr Gwilym Jones, Cllr Margaret M Roberts, Cllr Vaughan Hughes and Cllr Eric Jones.

Due to the resignation of Cllr Eric Jones from the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny, 1 Member of this Committee will need to be nominated as a replacement to sit on the Scrutiny Panel.

The Scrutiny Panel consists of 8 Members in total, with the other 4 being nominated by the Corporate Scrutiny Committee. The Terms of Reference of the Panel is attached as APPENDIX 1.

6 – Equality Impact Assessment [including impacts on the Welsh Language]

Not Applicable

7 – Financial Implications

Not Applicable

8 – Appendices:

1. Terms of Reference of the Scrutiny Panel: School, Progress Review Panel

9 - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):

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APPENDIX 1

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL : SCHOOL PROGRESS REVIEW

The purpose of this document is to set the overall terms of reference.

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.