Progress with Committee Resolutions

Date of Meeting	Item number and title	Resolution	Progress
18 July 2019	5. MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES	RESOLVED: - to acknowledge that, in terms of school governance, for many of the areas highlighted within the report the local education authority was only able to influence and guide governing bodies, and that ultimately the responsibilities lay with the governing bodies themselves. Nevertheless, it recommended that the following steps be taken with a view to strengthening school governing bodies across the county and ensuring their compliance with mandatory requirements, that: (i) a link to Governors Cymru's documentation on the roles and responsibilities of the various categories of school governors be sent to committee members; (ii) for the avoidance of ambiguity, the Governors Cymru document be adapted and tailored to reflect the roles of Denbighshire councillors and staff who serve on school governing bodies; (iii) a request be submitted to Denbighshire's School Governors' Association that a standing item be included annually on the agenda of its first meeting of the academic year on the roles and responsibilities of school governors, including mandatory training requirements, and that the Association review the timing of its meetings with a	Lead Member and officers advised of the Committee's recommendations. A full response to each of the recommendations listed has been included in the 'Information Brief' document circulated to Committee members ahead of the current meeting.

- view to making them more easily accessible to all school governors;
- (iv) all school governing bodies in the county be requested to check their scheme of allowances to facilitate access to anyone who wishes to apply to serve as a governor, with a view to ensuring that no individual is disadvantaged from applying due to care costs, family commitments, or other responsibilities;
- (v) all clerks to school governing bodies are reminded of their responsibility to ensure that all governors have undertaken their mandatory training within the stipulated timescales, and if individual governors have not complied with the requirements that they inform the Chair of the Governing Body with a view to instigating measures to ensure compliance or suspend the governor in accordance with the provisions of the legislation; and
- (vi) the Council's Internal Audit service be requested as part of their regular audit work in schools to check their governing body records on compliance with mandatory training requirements