

Progress with Committee Resolutions

Date of Meeting	Item number and title	Resolution	Progress
28 January 2021	5. WORK PROGRAMME AND SUPPORT TO SCHOOLS DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC	<p><u>Resolved:</u> - subject to the above observations –</p> <p>(i) <i>to accept the comprehensive information received on how the regional consortium, in partnership with the local authority, had evolved and adapted their support to schools during the COVID-19 pandemic and how schools had adapted to the new ways of working in response to the restrictions in force, along with the lessons learnt and the impact on future education delivery practices;</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>to commend all GwE, Local Authority Education and Children’s Services staff and all school based staff on their achievements in adapting and delivering high quality education to the county’s pupils both remotely and in safe school environments whilst also providing well-being support; and</i></p> <p>(iii) <i>that a message be sent to all local authority Education and Children’s Services staff along with all staff involved with delivering services to schools to thank them for their diligent work in securing the safe delivery of education and well-being services to pupils during the course of the pandemic</i></p>	<p>Lead Member, GwE and Council Officers advised of the Committee’s observations and recommendations.</p> <p>The Chair sent an e-mail on behalf of the Committee to all Education and Children Services staff, and all the County’s Head teachers to thank them for all their efforts in delivering education and support to the County’s pupils throughout the pandemic period. Senior officers and head teachers were asked to share the e-mail with all staff in any way associated with the opening and safe operation of schools and the delivery of learning opportunities during this period.</p>

	<p>6. LEARNER TRANSPORT: PROVISION FOR WELSH MEDIUM EDUCATION AND THE DEFINITION OF CATEGORY 1 SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY</p>	<p><u>Resolved:</u> - <i>subject to the above observations to confirm that no change was currently required to the Authority's Policy due to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>i). the Learner Transport Policy 2018 fully meeting the current statutory requirements under Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008; which had been tested legally prior to being adopted in 2018;</i> <i>ii). currently changing how Category 1 & 2 Welsh Language Secondary Schools were dealt with in terms of transport would undermine the provision of Education in Denbighshire's Category 2 Welsh Schools.</i> <i>iii). the risk of making the Authority open to be challenged in regard to decisions previously made, or future decisions made if they contradicted Legislation, Policy and Guidance.</i> <i>iv). the fact that the Welsh Government had recently consulted on potential future changes to The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 in January 2021, and the outcome of that process could again change future requirements across a number of areas, including Welsh medium schools.</i> <i>v). the fact that Welsh Government was currently undertaking a consultation on 'School categories according to Welsh-medium provision' and the outcome of that process may also change the</i> 	<p>Lead Member and officers advised of the Committee's observations and recommendations</p>
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