

### Appendix 3 September 6<sup>th</sup> 2012, Performance Scrutiny Committee

- **Prestatyn & Rhyl Post 16 Partnership (PR6)**

Excellent progress has continued in North Denbighshire with the implementation of formal collaboration between Prestatyn High School and Coleg Llandrillo Cymru, Rhyl Sixth, and the first Year 12 started in September 2011.

The local area curriculum for north Denbighshire was published as 'PR6' – Prestatyn and Rhyl Sixth Joint Prospectus. The subject offer for 2011 made in February 2011 comprised 57 level 3 choices that included 19 vocational options, and this has formed the curriculum for the current Year 12.

The Joint Governance Committee, the responsible body for agreeing the local area curriculum, has met regularly to discuss the curriculum pattern, take up of options and to monitor progress. The Joint Committee has also discussed sustainability, and the issue of grant dependence.

The 14-19 Team continues to support both the Joint Committee and the PR6 Management Group that deals with logistics and other such matters. The team managed the inter – partner payments mechanism as it does for Dyffryn Clwyd, and payments were completed in April 2012. The Joint Committee will address the issues of sustainability and value for money alongside the curriculum offer.

- both Prestatyn HS and Rhyl Sixth offered a curriculum that exceeds the terms of the Learning and Skills Measure in 2011 and 269 \* students have taken up the offer (\* as at 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011)
- 73 students are now accessing courses with learner providers other than their own base school or college

The table below is a summary of student movements

	to Prestatyn High School	to Rhyl Sixth
students from other bases	34	39

Again, 14-19 Learning Pathways pays in full for the provision of transport to support the joint timetable, and again, there were some early teething problems. This will improve in September 2012 with the full operation of the Year 12 and Year 13 partnership and the provision of buses rather than minibuses, and the issue of bus passes for travelling students. 14-19 also

pays for partnership support such as for the production of the joint prospectus and marketing.

- **the Dee Valley**

The 14-19 Coordinator reported in September 2011 that progress in the transformation plans for the Dee Valley has been limited with the outcome of the Wrexham Strategic Case for Transformation in that area still undecided. Formal collaborative structures to support the establishment of the partnership between Ysgol Dinas Brân and partners in Wrexham CBC are still to be developed, although good partnership working between Ysgol Dinas Brân, Deeside College and North Wales Training has taken place to the benefit of learners. It is envisaged that the proposed merger of Yale College with Deeside College will be very much to the benefit of learners in the Dee Valley and at Dinas Brân in particular.

The local area curriculum for the Dee Valley comprised the curriculum offer for Ysgol Dinas Brân Sixth Form and also options that are part of the Dyffryn Clwyd offer (Options A and D). This enabled Dee Valley learners to have the choice of being able to access an enhanced Welsh Medium provision at Ysgol Brynhyfryd and Deeside College, Llysfasi, as well as courses through the medium of English. Through this arrangement the subject offer for 2011 made in February 2011 comprised 36 level 3 choices that included 9 vocational choices, although there was no take up in September 2011.