

**Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Education and Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee on Thursday, 31 January 2019**

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
<b>A2</b>	Declarations of Interest (Including Whipping Declarations)	Rebecca Stark declared a personal interest on the 2019/20 Council Fund Budget Update as her children were in secondary education.
<b>A3</b>	2019/20 Council Fund Budget Update	<p>(a) That the Committee notes the updated budget forecast for the Council as the basis for setting a legal and balanced budget for 2019/20;</p> <p>(b) That the Committee notes the total funding uplift which is proposed for schools in 2019/20;</p> <p>(c) That the Committee notes that this year the Council will be funding 1% of the teachers' pay award with schools expected to disappointedly absorb the balance of the cost;</p> <p>(d) That the Committee notes that funding proposed for 2019/20 does not include any allowance for the increase in teachers' pension costs or the teachers' pay award from September 2019; and</p> <p>(e) That the Committee objects to the process of national awarded pay awards not being fully funded by Governments.</p>
<b>A4</b>	Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP)	<p>(a) That the Committee commends the progress made by the Council against the targets in the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan;</p> <p>(b) That the effective multi-agency partnership working within the Welsh in Education Strategic Forum, which created and monitored the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan, be noted; and</p> <p>(c) That the Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, write to Kirsty Williams AM, Cabinet Secretary for Education, outlining the following concerns raised:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The need to ensure sufficient numbers of welsh teachers in all curriculum subjects;</li> <li>• The revenue costs involved in establishing new welsh medium provision;</li> <li>• Concerns around the limiting subject options for pupils if Welsh Language was made a mandatory GCSE; and</li> <li>• A recognition that if WG were to meet their ambitious target of 1M welsh speakers</li> </ul>

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		in Wales by 2050 then this would be realised by increasing the number of welsh speakers in areas such as Flintshire.
<b>A5</b>	Learning from the School Performance Monitoring Group	(a) That the work undertaken by the School Performance Monitoring Group be noted; and (b) That the Committee endorses the School Performance Monitoring Group to continue to work in the same way with targeted schools.
<b>A6</b>	Forward Work Programme	(a) That the Forward Work Programme as amended, be approved; and (b) That the Facilitator, in consultation with the Chairman, be authorised to vary the Forward Work Programme between meetings, as the need arises.