

**Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Education and Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee on Thursday, 26 September 2019**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<b>A1</b>	Declarations of Interest (Including Whipping Declarations)	There were no declarations of interest.
<b>A2</b>	Minutes	That, subject to the above amendments, the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
<b>A3</b>	Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking	<p>(a) That the Forward Work Programme as amended, be approved;</p> <p>(b) That the Facilitator, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, be authorised to vary the Forward Work Programme between meetings, as the need arises; and</p> <p>(c) That the progress made in completing the outstanding actions be noted.</p>
<b>A4</b>	School Reserve Balances Year Ending 31 March 2019	<p>(a) That the school reserves balances as at the 31 March 2019 be noted;</p> <p>(b) That the Committee urges the Authority, notwithstanding the Estyn recommendation R4 and recognising that schools are not entitled to set a deficit budget, to continue to support schools in financial difficulty with a view to resolving deficits without detriment to pupils' learning; and</p> <p>(c) That a letter be written, on behalf of the Committee, to the Welsh Government Minister for Education outlining the Committee's concerns around school balances, which were clearly replicated across Wales, and seeking clarity around funding for the teacher's pay awards and increasing pension contributions.</p>
<b>A5</b>	Estyn Inspection of Flintshire's	(a) That the Estyn report on education services in Flintshire and its findings be

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	Education Services	acknowledged; and (b) That the Committee deplores Estyn’s failure to highlight the lack of funding that blights education in Flintshire.
<b>A6</b>	School Attendance and Exclusions	(a) That the report be noted; and (b) That the Committee note the contribution made by 3 <sup>rd</sup> sector organisations to support those children at risk.
<b>A7</b>	Year-end Council Plan Monitoring Report 2018/19	That the report be noted.