

Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee on Thursday, 17 December 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Attendance and Apologies	<p><u>Membership:</u> Councillors: David Healey (Chairman), Janet Axworthy, Sian Braun, Bob Connah, Paul Cunningham, Gladys Healey, Joe Johnson, Tudor Jones, Dave Mackie and Ian Smith, <u>Co-opted members:</u> Lynn Bartlett, David Hytch, Rebecca Stark and Wendy White</p> <p><u>Substitutions:</u> Councillors Andy Dunbobbin (for Martin White) and Patrick Heesom (for David Williams)</p> <p><u>In Attendance:</u> Councillor Ian Roberts (Leader and Cabinet Member for Education), Chief Executive; Chief Officer (Education & Youth)</p> <p>Flintshire Core Lead Primary, Flintshire Core Lead Secondary, Flintshire Primary Learning Advisor (GwE) (for agenda item 6) Managing Director of Aura Leisure & Libraries, Libraries Development Manager, Leisure Development Manager, Finance and Commercial Manager, Business Improvement & Performance Manager (for agenda item 10)</p> <p>Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator, Democratic Services Officer and Democratic Services Support Officer</p> <p><u>Apology:</u> Senior Manager School Improvement Systems</p>
A2	Declarations of Interest (Including Whipping Declarations)	Councillor Tudor Jones declared a personal interest in Agenda item 10, as Chair of Trustees at Holywell Leisure Centre.
A3	Minutes	That the minutes be approved as a correct record.

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A4	Emergency Situation Briefing (Verbal)	That the verbal update be noted.
A5	Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking	<p>(a) That the Forward Work Programme be noted;</p> <p>(b) That the Facilitator, in consultation with the Chair 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>
A6	Blended Learning	<p>(a) That the Committee acknowledges the strong partnership working between Flintshire Schools and GwE which has established successful approaches to blended learning for the benefit of learners during the pandemic;</p> <p>(b) That the Committee is assured of the quality of blended learning in Flintshire Schools to date and notes the positive impact on the professional development of the schools' workforce to meet this new approach to teaching and learning and commends members of the workforce in meeting the challenges;</p> <p>(c) That the Committee welcomes the significant investment by Welsh Government in schools' digital infrastructure but acknowledges this is an area of ever increasing demand to ensure the effective delivery of blended learning moving forward; and</p> <p>(d) That the Chairman writes to schools' on behalf of the Committee to thank them for their work and dedication throughout the emergency situation to the benefit of learners.</p>
A7	Adult Community Learning	(a) That the Committee note the Adult Community Learning funding within Flintshire and

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		<p>acknowledge the increased funding allocation through the Community Learning Grant (CLG) by Welsh Government;</p> <p>(b) That the Committee note the development work with Wrexham Adult Learning Partnership and give approval for Flintshire to proceed with forming a joint Flintshire and Wrexham Adult Community Learning Partnership.</p>
A8	Recovery Strategy Update	That the updated Risk Register and Risk Mitigation Actions, as outlined within the report, be noted.
A9	Mid-year Performance Indicators for Recovery, Portfolio and Public Accountability Measures	That the report be noted.
A10	Aura: Business Recovery Plan	<p>(a) That the Committee note the trading and operational challenges presented by Covid-19 and the challenges presented in relation to the continuation of the current level of service delivery post March 2021; and</p> <p>(b) That the Chairman writes to AURA colleagues on behalf of the Committee to thank them for their work, dedication and initiative throughout the emergency situation.</p>