

Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee on Thursday, 18 March 2021

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
Part A – Items considered in public		
A1	Attendance and Apologies	<p><u>Present:</u> Mr. David Hytch (Vice-Chair in the Chair) Councillors: Janet Axworthy, Sian Braun, Bob Connah, Paul Cunningham, Gladys Healey, Joe Johnson, Tudor Jones, Dave Mackie, Ian Smith, Martin White and David Williams</p> <p><u>Co-opted members:</u> Lynn Bartlett, David Hytch, Rebecca Stark and Wendy White</p> <p><u>Apology:</u> Mrs. Jeanette Rock</p> <p><u>Substitution:</u> Councillor Sean Bibby (for David Healey)</p> <p><u>Also Present:</u> Councillor Patrick Heesom attended as an observer together with Phillipa Earlam (member of Standards Committee) Mr. Jim Connelly, Head of Flint High School and Mr. Simon Budgen, Head of Hawarden High School attended as observers for Agenda item 6</p> <p><u>In Attendance:</u> Councillor Ian Roberts, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education; Chief Officer (Education & Youth) and Senior Manager – School Improvement</p> <p>Chief Officer (Housing & Assets) and Strategic Finance Manager - Commercial and Housing were in attendance for Agenda item 5.</p> <p>Chief Executive was in attendance for Agenda item 6.</p> <p>Primary Support Officer was in attendance for Agenda item 8.</p> <p>Senior Learning Adviser – Engagement was in attendance for Agenda item 9.</p>
A2	Declarations of Interest (Including Whipping Declarations)	<p>Councillors: Bob Connah and Tudor Jones declared a personal interest in Agenda item 5 – Community Asset Transfer Update.</p>

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		<p>Councillors: Janet Axworthy, Sean Bibby, Sian Braun, Gladys Healey, David Mackie and David Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda item 6 – Update on Council funding for schools, as School Governors.</p> <p>Mr. David Hytch and Mrs. Rebecca Stark declared a personal interest in Agenda item 6 – Update on Council funding for schools, as School Governors.</p>
A3	Minutes	That the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
A4	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>
A5	Community Asset Transfer Update	<p>(a) That the progress of the Community Asset Transfers be noted;</p> <p>(b) That the Committee supported the continued grant support for Cambrian Aquatics into 2021/22; and</p> <p>(c) That the Committee support the continued grant support for Holywell Leisure Centre into 2021/22.</p>
A6	Update on Council funding for schools	<p>(a) That the Committee support the principles as the basis for allocating the £1m additional funding to reduce deficits in secondary schools in 2021/22, as set out within the report;</p> <p>(b) That the allocations, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report, be noted; and</p> <p>(c) That the Committee support the Council’s intent to raise the amount of funding to schools</p>

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		year on year, in line with the Council’s Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).
A7	Self-Evaluation Report of Education Services	(a) That the report be noted; and (b) That the positive thematic report undertaken by Estyn on the work of education services in Flintshire to support children and young people during the pandemic be noted.
A8	Hwb Digital Programme	(a) That the implementation of the national Hwb programme in Flintshire schools and the work undertaken to increase the ratios of devices to pupils be noted; and (b) That the Committee was assured that Flintshire learners had not been digitally disadvantaged during the lockdown period by the effective actions of schools and the Council’s Education and IT Services.
A9	School Attendance and Exclusions	(a) That the attendance data for Flintshire schools and the actions undertaken by officers to support engagement and safeguarding during the period of lockdown; and (b) That the Committee recognise that the data provided had been impacted by COVID-19 lockdown and school closure.
A10	Recovery Strategy Update	That the updated Risk Register and Risk Mitigation Actions, as outlined within the report, be noted.