

**Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee on Thursday, 21 October 2021**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<b>A1</b>	Apologies	Councillor Ian Smith; Mrs Wendy White; Councillor Ian Roberts, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education and Senior Manager (School Improvement)
<b>A2</b>	Declarations of Interest (Including Whipping Declarations)	There were no declarations of interest.
<b>A3</b>	Minutes	That subject to the amendments listed above, the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
<b>A4</b>	Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) That the Forward Work Programme be noted;</li> <li>(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</li> <li>(c) That the progress made in completing the outstanding actions be noted.</li> </ul>
<b>A5</b>	School Holiday Enrichment Programme Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The Education, Youth and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the success and progress of the SHEP Programme; and</li> <li>(b) That a letter from the Committee be sent to the Welsh Government seeking confirmation of future funding for the SHEP and to raise concerns around retrospective funding.</li> </ul>
<b>A6</b>	Elective Home Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) That the Committee was assured about the Council's discharge of its duties in relation to Elective Home Education;</li> <li>(b) That the Committee acknowledged the challenges faced by the Education Welfare Team in fulfilling their statutory functions with rising numbers of EHE pupils in Flintshire;</li> <li>(c) That the Committee reinforce the need for continued financial support from Welsh Government to further develop and secure the Council's services and resources in relation to Elective Home Education; and</li> </ul>

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		(d) That a letter be written to the WG to encourage the creation of a national register for children who were educated at home.
<b>A7</b>	The impact the pandemic has had on children and young people	(a) That the verbal update be noted; and (b) That the Committee remained concerned on the pressure being put on Officers and Schools but supported and appreciated that the Chief Officer Team were doing everything in their power to manage the risk.
<b>A8</b>	The resilience of schools in managing a significant number of changes	(a) That the verbal update be noted; and (b) That the Committee remained concerned on the pressure being put on Officers and Schools but supported and appreciated that the Chief Officer Team were doing everything in their power to manage the risk.