

Extra Schools Scrutiny Performance Panel

Summary: This is an agenda pack for a meeting for the Schools Scrutiny Performance Panel taking place on the 9 February 2016. The main item being discussed relates to the Annual Budget as it affects education.

Date: 9 February 2016

Time: 5.00pm

Venue: Councillor Meeting Room 235, Guildhall

Members of the Panel:

Fiona Gordon

Mike Day

Beverley Hopkins

Cheryl Philpott

Hazel Morris

Paul Meara

Anthony Colburn

Robert Smith

Dave Anderson-Thomas (Parent Governor Co-optee)

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Helen Morgan Rees – Hub Head of School Improvement

Lindsay Harvey – Chief Education Officer

AGENDA

No.	Item
1.	Annual Budget proposals 2016 – Education aspects Panel will consider budget proposals as they affect education (as published in Cabinet Agenda for 15 February). Panel's comments/views will be reported to the Service Improvement and Finance Panel who will compile a cross budget response to cabinet.

***Please note members should declare personal and prejudicial interests and party whipping

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Linking the work of the Schools Scrutiny Performance Panel to the Corporate Priorities of the Council

The items on the Agenda today fall within the following Corporate Priorities for Swansea, as details in the Delivering for Swansea Corporate Plan 2015-17

Priority One: Safeguarding Vulnerable People

Swansea Council is committed to ensuring that its citizens are free from harm, exploitation, including domestic abuse, child exploitation, human trafficking and modern day slavery. We want people to be able to live as independently as possible, in their own homes. We also want children to stay with their families or be supported in family settings, where it is safe for them to do so.

Priority Two: Improving Pupil Attainment

We want every child and young person in Swansea to gain the skills and qualifications they need to succeed in life. Currently too many children and young people are not attending school regularly and are not achieving the skills and qualifications that they need to go on into further education, employment or training.

We need to ensure that all children and young people attend school regularly so that they have a better chance of improving their skills and qualifications. Educational outcomes in Swansea have shown good improvements in recent years. The focus on improving outcomes for all children and young people remains. Raising aspirations and effective work will stop poverty and disadvantage holding back improvement and opportunities.

Priority Three: Tackling Poverty

Our vision is that Swansea citizens will be aspirational and have the confidence and resources to make their aspirations a reality. We want everyone, regardless of where they live, to live in a vibrant, supportive place, where they feel proud to belong to the community. We want people to have aspirations for their communities and families that are challenging, rewarding and uplifting. We want to have communities of ambitions, where young people strive for a better future, and get the help and support they need to make it a reality. We want to provide strong role models for children and adults, from whom they can learn and with whom they can try out new options for themselves, which may have been beyond their wildest dreams.