

Education Scrutiny Working Group – 19th January 2017
Scrutiny Observations to Cabinet on: Education Standards Report for the academic year 2016-17

The Group welcomed this first report to Cabinet on Education Standards and made the following observations to Cabinet/Management Team on 24th January 2017 in respect of the draft Cabinet Report.

1. The report should have a glossary.
2. The report is lacking in some comparative information and would benefit from showing trends. For example comparisons with the Welsh average are provided for some but not all outcomes. This should be consistent and the Welsh average increase/decrease should be included for completeness
3. Free School Meal levels in other authorities should be included.
4. The GCSE results from individual schools should be included.
5. The Inspection profile should include a list of schools who are in Special Measures or Significant Improvement and remain in Estyn Monitoring from previous years, along with those who have been removed from Estyn Monitoring during the period.
6. The report requires proof reading.

The Working Group have had sight of the final report to Cabinet and make the following comments:

The final report addresses observations 3, 4 and 6.

Observations 1, 2 and 5 remain outstanding although it is understood that Observation 5 is included in the report to Cabinet on 7th February 2017 entitled School Improvement. These observations remain as recommendations for future publications of this annual report to Cabinet on Education Standards.

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