



Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny Observations to Cabinet on: 18-05-2021

The Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee met on the 12-05-2021 and considered the following documents:

- Post-16

The Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee thank the Portfolio Holder for Education and Property and officers for attending scrutiny.

Scrutiny make the following observations:

- The Committee welcomed the proposal and congratulated the Transformation Team on the methodology used and the involvement of headteachers in designing the final proposal.
- The Committee also welcomed the collaborative and cohesive approach across the Service and Schools towards developing this proposal.
- The Committee suggested that:
 - the Portfolio Holder for Education should be a member of the Strategic Management Board, and received confirmation that this was being pursued.
 - There was a role for scrutiny in reviewing the progress of the project and that should be built into the finalised proposal.
- The Committee welcomed that the proposal sought to resolve the issue of Post 16 education in Powys first, but would also look to developing strategic partnerships with colleges and other partners.
- The Committee noted that a review of home based facilities at Powys schools and an improvement programme drawn up would need to be undertaken and that it was anticipated that improvements would be likely to take up to 5 years to complete. As there was concern about the affordability of the Council's current capital programme, the Committee suggested that the review be undertaken at the earliest opportunity so that costs could be identified and included in the capital programme.

Scrutiny's Recommendation	Accept (plus Action and timescale)	Partially Accept (plus Rationale and Action and timescale)	Reject (plus Rationale)
1 That the Portfolio Holder for Education should be a member of the Strategic Management Board			
2 That a role for scrutiny be built into the finalised			

proposal.			
3 That the review of facilities and an improvement programme for home based facilities be undertaken at the earliest opportunity.			

In accordance with Rule 7.27.2 the Cabinet is asked to provide a written response to the scrutiny report, including an action plan where appropriate, as soon as possible or at the latest within 2 months of the date of the Cabinet meeting i.e. by 18-07-2021

Membership of the Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee on 12-05-2021:

County Councillors:

P. Roberts, L. Roberts, B. Davies, S. Davies, K. Roberts-Jones, G. Thomas

Co-Opted Members:

S. Davies, M. Evitts