

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEARNING AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD BY ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY 2023**

Present: County Councillor Gwynfor Thomas – Chair

County Councillors: Aled Davies, Bryn Davies, David Meredith, Gareth D Jones, Lucy Roberts, Matt Beecham, Susan McNicholas.

Co-opted Committee Members: Margaret Evitts, Sara Davies

Cabinet portfolio Holders in Attendance: Pete Roberts

Officers: Lynette Lovell, Nancy Owen, Eurig Towns, Wyn Richards

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:

County Councillors Danny Bebb, Glyn Preston.

Co-opted Committee Member Kathryn Chedzoy

Officers: Georgie Bevan, Jane Thomas

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED that County Councillor Gareth D Jones be elected Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest from Members relating to items to be considered on the agenda.

4. DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP

The Committee did not receive any disclosures of prohibited party whips which a Member had been given in relation to the meeting in accordance with Section 78(3) of the Local Government Measure 2011.

5. MINUTES

- Minutes of the 29th March 2023

The minutes were agreed by Committee Members present as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting and ratified accordingly by the Chair.

6.	FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME
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Action: Items added:

- School Budgets – June / July
- School Transformation Programme – Summer / Autumn 2023
- Admissions Code / Capacity
- Attendance
- School Transport
- ALN to be rescheduled.

7.	EXEMPT ITEM
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Background: To consider passing the following Resolution:

RESOLVED to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under category 3 of The Local Authorities (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007).

The Monitoring Officer has determined that category 3 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules applies to the following item. His view on the public interest test (having taken account of the provisions of Rule 14.8 of the Council's Access to Information Rules) was that to make this information public would disclose information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

These factors in his view outweigh the public interest in disclosing this information. Members are asked to consider these factors when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.

Action:

- Proposed and seconded by Members of the Committee.

8.	BENCHMARKING TOOL
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Background:

Committee received and considered a presentation on the Benchmarking Tool for Schools.

County Councillor R G Thomas (Chair)

WORKSHOP

Following the conclusion of the meeting a workshop for Committee Members was held regarding:

- Welsh Government School Improvement Guidance
- School Self – Evaluation Processes