

**EDUCATION, YOUTH AND CULTURE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**6 NOVEMBER 2024**

Minutes of the Education, Youth and Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee of Flintshire County Council held as a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, 6 November 2024

**PRESENT:**                   **Councillor Teresa Carberry (Chair)**  
Councillors: Bill Crease, Ian Hodge, Fran Lister, Gina Maddison, Ryan McKeown. Andrew Parkhurst, Carolyn Preece, Jason Shallcross and Dave Healey (substitute for Gladys Healey)

Co-optees: Lisa Allen and Lynn Barlett

**OBSERVERS:**           Councillor Richard Lloyd

**APOLOGIES:**           None

**CONTRIBUTORS:**   Councillor Mared Eastwood (Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language and Culture), Chief Officer (Education and Youth), Senior Manager (School Improvement), Senior Manager (Inclusion and Progression) and Senior Manager (Business Change & Support)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**   Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator and Democratic Services Officers

**39.   DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)**

None.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 – TO CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:**

That the press and public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the following item by virtue of exempt information under paragraph(s) 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

**40.   SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT MODEL**

The Chief Officer (Education & Youth) introduced a report to update elected Members on the progress being made to create a new Flintshire School Improvement Service from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 as a result of the Welsh Government 'Middle Tier Review'. The report built upon the report presented to the Committee in May 2024.

The recommendations were supported.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the Committee confirms that it understands the complexities in creating a new local authority model for school improvement services within the expected timescales with some critical information not yet available;
- (b) That the Committee confirms it has confidence in the draft model being presented to ensure ongoing and effective support for Flintshire schools to ensure the best outcomes for learners;
- (c) That the Committee accepts that the model has to be flexible and would be subject to changes being made by the senior officers of the Education Portfolio as progress was made towards the April 2025 deadline; and
- (d) That the comments made by the Committee be noted to inform the development of the model.

**41. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

None.

(The meeting started at 10am and ended at 11.27am)

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**Chair**

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