
**CATEGORISATION OF CARDIFF'S SCHOOLS AND THE FUTURE
ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES AND AN UPDATE ON CURRICULUM
DEVELOPMENTS**

Reasons for the Report

1. This report provides the Committee with a briefing on the categorisation of Cardiff's Schools copy attached at **Appendix A**. In addition the central South Consortium has provided a briefing on the future accountability measures and an update on Curriculum Developments **Appendix B**.

Cardiff Schools National Categorisation

2. The report attached at **Appendix A** explains the outcome of the National Categorisation of Cardiff's Schools as reported in January 2019 (page 1). The briefing papers initially provides an overview of the Primary, Secondary and Special schools. The report also includes a summary of the Inspection outcome of Cardiff Schools (page 3), which have been inspected during the 2017-18 academic year.
3. The report also includes a list of all Cardiff's Schools providing the outcome of their Categorisation (page 6). This list identifies the step two-improvement capacity (as evaluated by the challenge advisers from the consortia) and step three-support category (programme of support, challenge and intervention, support categories are green, yellow or red).

Future accountability Measures and an update on Curriculum Developments

4. The Central South Consortium has provided a briefing on the latest Welsh Government Bulletin (6 February 2019), which covers the published KS4

performance measures for summer 2019, together with the headline performance measures that the Welsh Government will publish, copy attached at **Appendix B.** The briefing also includes a copy of the Draft Evaluation and Improvement arrangements and the New Curriculum Developments.

Scope of Scrutiny

5. The scope of the scrutiny of this report is to enable Committee to review, assess and challenge the outcome of the categorisation of Cardiff's schools, and to provide any comments, concerns or recommendations to the Cabinet Member or the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning.
6. At this meeting, the Committee can review and question the outcome of the categorisation of Cardiff's Schools and review the progress being made in development of the new Curriculum and draft evaluation and improvement arrangements.

Way Forward

7. At the meeting Councillor Sarah Merry (Cabinet Member for Education), and Nick Batchelar (Director of Education and Lifelong Learning) and officers will be in attendance to present the information and answer any questions Members may wish to ask.
8. Members may also wish to pass on any observations, comments or recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Education, Employment and Skills on the information presented at the meeting.

Financial Implications

9. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. These financial implications will need to be considered before any changes are implemented.

Legal Implications

10. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to:

- Review and assess the information provided in the Categorisation of Cardiff Schools, copy attached at **Appendix A** and Future Accountability Measures and a update on Curriculum Developments , copy attached at **Appendix B**, and provide any comments, concerns or recommendations to the Cabinet Member and Director of Education and Lifelong Learning.

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