
Provisional Performance of Cardiff's Schools 2015 and Quarter 1 Corporate Performance Report

Reasons for the Report

1. The Director of Education and Lifelong Learning wishes to inform the Committee of the provisional performance results of Cardiff's Schools in 2014/2015. The Committee reviewed last year's provisional results at Committee on 9 September 2014.
2. In addition the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning will present the Education Directorate performance report for Quarter 1 2015/16, prior to its consideration by the Cabinet on 17 September 2015. The Performance Report Quarter 1 is attached at **Appendix A**.

Corporate Performance Quarter 1

3. The Council's Performance Management Framework includes the regular reporting of Quarterly Performance by Directorate. The Quarter 1 Education Performance reports, attached at **Appendix A**, covers:
 - Progress against Corporate Plan commitments
 - Progress against Directorate Plan Actions
 - Progress on challenges previously identified
 - Service delivery issues
 - Key Performance Indicator data
 - Corporate risks.
4. The report provides the Committee with information about the context that these services are operating in, performance information and the management actions that are being taken to address performance issues. The report also provides an explanation of the progress being made in addressing the challenges identified in each quarter.

School provisional results

5. The Director of Education and Lifelong Learning's Initial views of Performance in Cardiff's Schools 2014-2015 report (attached at **Appendix B**) sets out a summary of the overall performance in 2014/15 for all key stages as well as Attendance and Exclusions. The report also includes an overview of the outcomes and further actions to be taken to address the areas of concern.

Scope of Scrutiny

6. The scope of the scrutiny of this report is for the Committee Members to review the information provided to the Committee including the report on the provisional school results and to provide any comments, concerns or recommendations to the Cabinet Member or Director of Education and Lifelong Learning.
7. This performance monitoring report will enable Committee to review, assess and challenge the implementation of actions to improve education for Cardiff's pupils. Members may also wish to pass any comments, concerns or recommendations to the Cabinet Member and or Director of Education and Lifelong Learning. At this meeting Committee can review and question :
 - (i) the progress being made in achieving the Performance indicator targets for 2015/16;
 - (ii) the resources available to deliver the corporate plan actions and core business priorities;
 - (iii) any identified project risks (red status) and the appropriateness of the proposed countermeasure; and
 - (iv) the quality and analysis of the performance information presented to Committee.

Way Forward

8. At the meeting Councillor Sarah Merry (Cabinet Member for Education) and Nick Batchelar (Director of Education and Lifelong Learning) will be in

attendance to make a presentation and answer any questions Members may wish to ask.

9. Members may wish to review the information contained in the report together with that presented at the meeting and determine whether there are any comments, concerns or recommendations which they would like to pass on to the Cabinet Member or Director of Education and Lifelong Learning.

Financial Implications

10. 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

11. 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 the information provided in the report on school results, and Education Performance report, and provide any comments, concerns or recommendations to the Cabinet Member and Director of Education and Lifelong Learning.

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