



Minutes of the Meeting of the Central South Consortium Joint Education Service Joint Committee held at Rhondda Cynon Taf Council Offices, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale on Thursday 14th June 2018 at 10:15 am

PRESENT

Members of the Committee

Councillor S. Merry (Cardiff City Council)
Councillor J. Rosser (Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council)
Councillor R. Penrose (Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council)
Councillor C. Smith (Bridgend County Borough Council)

Council Officers in Attendance

Mr C. Bradshaw – Lead Chief Executive (Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council)
Mr. P. Griffiths – Service Director, Performance & Improvement (Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council)
Ms N. Echaris – (Bridgend County Borough Council)

Also in Attendance

Mr M. Glavin – Managing Director (Central South Consortium)
Ms. L. Blatchford – Senior Lead - Business and Operations (Central South Consortium)
Professor M Hadfield – Cardiff University

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Ms E Thomas Director of Education (Rhondda, Cynon Taf County Borough Council), Mr P Orders (Cardiff City Council), Councillor L. Mytton, Ms S Walker Chief Education Officer (Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council) and Ms P Ham (Director of Learning & Skills Vale of Glamorgan)

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members had no personal interests to declare in matters pertaining to the agenda.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM JOINT EDUCATION SERVICE JOINT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to elect Councillor Sarah Merry as Chair of the Central South Consortium Joint Education Service Joint Committee for the 2018 – 19 Municipal Year.

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE- CHAIR OF THE CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM JOINT EDUCATION SERVICE JOINT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Charles Smith as Vice- Chair of the Central South Joint Education Service Joint Committee for 2018 – 19 Municipal Year.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve as an accurate record, the minutes of the Central South Consortium Joint Education Service Joint Committee held on the 15th March 2018.

6. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR THE 2018/19 MUNICIPAL YEAR

RESOLVED to circulate the dates for the Calendar of Meetings of the Central South Consortium Joint Education Service Joint Committee for the 2018 – 19 Municipal Year to allow Members to check their availability for future meetings.

7. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY BOARD

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Joy Rosser as Chair of the Advisory Board for the 2018 – 19 Municipal Year.

8. CSC ANNUAL SURVEY

The Chair welcomed Professor M Hadfield of Cardiff University to the meeting. With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation Mr Hadfield presented the Second School Staff Annual Survey.

It was explained that in order to achieve its strategic aim of creating a more school led and self- improving system the Central South Consortium launched the Central South Challenge in 2014-15. It was explained that challenge supports schools to become learning organisations and aims to create a system in which schools and school leaders are willing to offer and accept support.

Members considered the survey under the following headings:

- Conceptual Framework;
- Instructional Leadership;
- School Leadership;

- Schools as Learning Communities;
- Capacity for Leading;
- Engagement in collaboration;
- Individual impact of Collaboration; and
- Curriculum for Wales.

In his conclusion Professor M Hadfield explained that:

1. Leaders still require support to enact instructional and distributed leadership.
2. Evidence of greater emphasis on de-privatising practice in secondary schools.
3. Engagement in inquiry and research have reached a cultural 'tipping point' and finally focus needs to be on supporting greater depth of 2/3rd now engaged in inquiry and JPD (Joint Practice Development).

Members thanked Mr Hadfield for his in depth report. A Member commented that engagement in collaboration shows interesting data and it is good to see positive results. The Managing Director responded by saying that as a Consortium we now know what difference this survey makes and it allows us to tease out the best practice within collaborative working.

Members also commented on the importance of positive role modelling within the Consortium and suggested that a future option would be to target specific schools, looking at a different prospective such as balance between Red or Green Schools.

Members were informed that the Survey was available to all schools as an online survey. The Senior Lead - Business and Operations explained that the Estyn Survey feeds into the Value for Money Report that was presented to the Committee in March 2018.

Members thanked Professor Hadfield for his very informative and pleasing report and **RESOLVED** to acknowledge the 2nd Annual School Staff Survey 2018.

9. IN YEAR INDICATIVE DATA – PERFORMANCE OF THE CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM

The Committee received a verbal update from the Managing Director outlining the Key Stage 4 in-year collection data as at April 2018. The data produced is an indication as to whether schools are on track. The performance measures were taken back in April.

Members put their views forward and agreed to continue to monitor the data at future meetings.

10. CHANGES TO PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The Managing Director presented Members with the report in respect of changes to performance measures. It was explained that in May 2018, Welsh Government announced changes to the information that will be reported for schools in summer 2018 for Key Stage 4 performance measures and also the changes for published information for Foundation Phase to Key Stage 3 following their consultation on ceasing publication of Teacher Assessment data below National level. It was also

explained that the report summarises the information that will be made available to schools by Welsh Government and the Central South Consortium for summer 2018 assessments, and the performance measures that will be reported for summer 2018 and the changes due for Key Stage 4 for summer 2019 onwards.

Members were presented with a chart showing Key Stage 4 performance measures criteria for summer 2017, summer 2018 and summer 2019 onwards. After in depth discussion Members **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendation that the Central South Consortium will continue to create school level data packs to share with schools, local authorities and challenge advisers in line with the content of the Welsh Government consultation summary of responses. Reporting requirements for Key Stage 4 will be amended to include the new measure introduced for Key Stage 4 in summer 2018 reporting. Processes for collecting data for the next academic year to be considered in light of the changes in performance measures for summer 2019 reporting.

11. CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM BUSINESS PLANNING

Members of the Joint Committee were presented with the Central South Consortium Business Plan for 2018 -19 and its monitoring arrangements.

It was explained to Members that the first year of implementation of the improved system of business planning was completed at the end of March 2018. Impact review meetings were held with each drive team at the end of the summer, autumn and spring terms, and the progress made recorded. As part of the Report, Members were provided with a summary of completion and impact and Members were reminded that the business plan was approved by the Joint Committee on the 15th March 2018.

After considering the report in depth Members put their questions and observations forward. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following recommendations:

- That Members acknowledge the progress made in implementing the business plan 2017/18;
- That Members receive an update against the plan at a future meeting; and
- That Members acknowledge the operational plans that underpin the Business Plan 2018/19.

12. GRANTS PAPER

The Senior Lead - Business and Operations presented the report of the Directors of Education in respect of the grants to be received by the Consortium in 2017/18 and 2018/19, for which notification has been received and the methods of allocation of each.

A Member commented on the fact that the distribution / acceptance of grants is carried out by the Directors of Education for the 5 Authorities and it was felt there should be some discussion with the Cabinet Members for Education before the distribution. The Senior Lead - Business and Operations explained that this responsibility had been delegated to the Directors' Steering Group.

After discussion and consideration it was **RESOLVED** to approve the distribution of grants as detailed in Sections 4 & 5 of the report and for the Senior Lead – Business and Operations to provide feedback to Committee around options to help ensure Cabinet Members are made aware of grant acceptance proposals earlier in the process.

13. 2017-18 YEAR END POSITION

The Service Director, Performance & Improvement (Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council) outlined the Treasurer's Report which sought the Joint Committee's approval of the 2017/18 Annual Governance Statement for the Central South Consortium.

Following consideration of the report it was **RESOLVED**:

1. To note the draft Statement of Accounts for the Central South Consortium for the year–ending 31st March 2018 (Appendix 1) and the draft outturn position for the year (paragraph 4.8 of the report – Table 2);
2. Approve the draft 2017/18 Annual Governance Statement (as incorporated within the draft 2017/18 Statement of Accounts); and
3. To note the position regarding all member local authorities endorsing the approach to the funding of redundancy costs, as approved at the 15th March 2018 Joint Committee meeting (paragraph 4.10).

14. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

15. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

Members were presented with the report of the Senior Lead - Business and Operations. It was explained that the GDPR is a new European–wide law that replaces the UK's Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and came into force on the 25th May 2018. Members considered the report in detail and **RESOLVED**:

- To note the findings within the report; and
- To receive progress reports in line with the proposals for improvements.

**CLLR S MERRY
CHAIR**

The meeting terminated at 11:50am