

Version 1.00 of the Scope

Background

A report on transport was submitted to the Communities Scrutiny Committee on 14 May 2013.

In light of the discussions that were held on the matter in the Communities Scrutiny Committee on 14 May 2013, and subsequently in informal meetings between members and officers, and in the Preparatory Meeting on 12 September 2013, the intention to hold a Scrutiny Investigation was approved.

It will be essential to obtain the cooperation of Coleg Llandrillo Cymru, Menai and Meirion-Dwyfor sites, in this scrutiny investigation.

Purpose of the Investigation

The investigation will aim to answer the following main questions:

- a) How does the post-16 further education transport policy compare with similar policies in other counties?
- b) Is the post-16 further education transport policy consistent for learners in every part of the county?
- c) Does the post-16 further education transport policy ensure fairness for learners who have to travel further to follow courses of their choice / where no local provision is available?
- d) How accessible is the transport provision for learners:
 - during core hours 09:00 – 18:00?
 - outside core hours 18:00 – 21:00?
- e) How affordable is post-16 further education transport for learners from low-income households?
- f) What consequences would there be to change the post-16 further education transport policy?
- g) What are the prospects for post-16 further education transport policy in the future?

Effect

If we are successful, the Scrutiny Investigation will:

- Form clear recommendations based on evidence to be considered by the Cabinet Member
- Give appropriate consideration to any obstacles and how to resolve them

Period of the Investigation

Start of the investigation	December 2013
End of the investigation	May 2014
Submit a report to the Communities Scrutiny Committee	June 2014
A report from Scrutiny to the Executive	July 2014

Programme

Outline of the main actions and meetings.

Members will be required to undertake additional work between the meetings.

1	Presentation by the Cabinet Member and her officers and Group Llandrillo Cymru
2	Members' Briefing notes by Scrutiny Officers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant plans/strategies/policies • Legislation / statutory requirements, if relevant • Examples of the provision in other areas • Evidence of consultation • Numbers / user profiles • Income / expenditure • Summary of any internal or external audit reports • Link with the Community Strategy • Link with the Council's Strategic Plan
3	Planning Session Consider the situation and the next steps.
4	Gather observations from the Council's relevant executive staff and key external partners.
5	Gather observations from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agencies • Users • Residents
6	Planning Session Consider the information obtained to date and plan the remainder of the work programme.
7	If appropriate, arrange a visit to another area.
8	Questioning session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member for Education • Head of Education Department
9	Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider and summarise the information and experiences • Question the Cabinet Member further if required • Agree the main recommendations for the report and the way forward
10	The Scrutiny Committee to consider the draft report and the recommendations