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MEETING	EDUCATION AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE	14 September 2023
TITLE	Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee Forward Programme 2023/24
PURPOSE OF THE REPORT	To adopt an amended work programme
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1. The Committee's Forward Programme for 2023/24 was adopted at the Committee's meeting on 8 June 2023.
2. Since that meeting, a request was received by the Education Department for the Committee to consider programming an additional item and re-schedule some items that are to be scrutinised during 2023/24.
3. The request is detailed below:

Estyn Inspection Report and the Education Department's Action Plan in response

During the Summer term, Estyn conducted an inspection of Gwynedd's Education Authority. It is good practice for Scrutiny Committees to pay attention to Estyn's report and recommendations and the Authority's action plan in response. It is believed that it would be timely to scrutinise Estyn's report and the Education Department's action plan at the Committee's meeting on 9 November 2023.

Pupils' attendance and behaviour in Gwynedd schools

Move the item from the Committee's meeting on 25 January 2024 to this meeting. This element of the request is linked to the additional item above. The intention in moving this item to the September meeting is to provide background on this area at the start of the academic year in light of press coverage of the field and the Minister for Education and Welsh Language's emphasis on increasing school attendance levels and the publication of the Welsh Government's new draft guidance for the field in June 2023 along with the reintroduction of Fixed Penalty Notices. The change was made following consultation with the Chair.

Education Annual Report and GwE Annual Report

To enable the scrutiny of the additional item at the Committee's meeting on 9 November 2023, it is recommended to move the annual reports programmed for November's meeting to 25 January 2024.

4. The Committee's forward programme with the possible changes have been highlighted in the Appendix. Also note that the order of the items has been amended following the discussion in the previous meeting to have a balance in terms of the order of Education and Economy items in the Committee meetings' agendas.
5. **The Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee is asked:**
 - (i) to consider the Education Department's request;
 - (ii) to adopt an amended work programme for 2023/24.

EDUCATION AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME 2023/24

08/06/2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Planning • Gwynedd Town Centres
14/09/2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Plan • Gwynedd Category 3 Secondary Schools Scrutiny Investigation Report • Education Strategy • Pupils' attendance and behaviour in Gwynedd schools
09/11/2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estyn Inspection Report and the Education Department's Action Plan in response • Byw'n Iach Company • Beach Management
25/01/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gwynedd Economy Plan • Education Annual Report • GwE Annual Report • Post-16 Education Project in Arfon
21/03/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transforming education for children in their early years • Free School Meals • North Wales Economic Ambition Board

A potential item to be programmed during the year

Additional Learning Needs in the mainstream and special schools

Items to be programmed in 2024/25:

Immersion Education System

Youth Service

Gwynedd Town Centres