



MEETING	EDUCATION AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE	8 October 2026
TITLE	Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee Forward Programme
PURPOSE OF THE REPORT	To adopt an amended work programme for 2026/27
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1. A Forward Programme for 2026/27 was adopted at the Committee meeting on 14 July 2026.
2. The Safeguarding Arrangements in Schools Scrutiny Investigation's report was approved at the meeting. It was decided to ask for an update from the Cabinet Member for Education on the implementation per recommendation in approximately six months' time. An update is scheduled for the 16 March 2027 meeting.
3. At the informal meeting of the Committee on 3 September 2026, there was a discussion about the possibility of holding a Task and Finish Group to consider artificial intelligence and the behaviour of children and young people in schools. It was concluded that as it was not clear what exactly the task and finish group would be scrutinising, the proposal should not be proceeded with.
4. The item 'Secondary Education Finance ' was programmed for discussion at this meeting.
5. A request was received from the Education Department to move this item to the 10 December 2026 meeting, in order to allow more time to draw up proposals for responding to the financial situation and challenges.
6. Following consultation with the Chair, the request to move the item was agreed to ensure that the item is scrutinised in a timely manner to enable scrutiny to add value.
7. See attached as an appendix to the report, the amended work programme for 2026/27.
8. **The Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee is asked to adopt the amended work programme for 2026/27.**

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Date	Items	Reason for scrutiny
18/6/26	Whistleblowing Policy and Procedure for Members	Pre-decision Scrutiny / Ensure a clear and robust procedure
	Education Transport	Pre-decision Scrutiny / Overspending in the field
	Education Performance Report	Scrutiny of the performance of Council departments
	Economy and Community Performance Report	Scrutiny of the performance of Council departments
	Corporate and Legal Services Performance Report	Scrutiny of the performance of Council departments
14/7/26	Finance Performance Report	Scrutiny of the performance of Council departments
	Safeguarding Arrangements in Schools Scrutiny Investigation Report	Scrutiny Investigation
	Town Centre Vibrancy	Follow-up / Council Plan 2023-28 - A Prosperous Gwynedd
8/10/26	Response Plan to the Our Bravery Brought Justice Report	Assurance in terms of implementation
	Youth Work 5 Year Strategy	Council Plan 2023-28 – Tomorrow's Gwynedd
	Gwynedd Culture Plan	Pre-decision scrutiny / Council Plan 2023-28 – A Prosperous Gwynedd
10/12/26	Secondary Education Finance	The impact of funding on teaching in Secondary Schools
	Additional Learning Needs	Scrutinise the additional learning needs education provision
	Education Performance Report	Scrutiny of the performance of Council departments
	Economy and Community Performance Report	Scrutiny of the performance of Council departments
18/2/27	Pupils' attendance, behaviour and attainment in Gwynedd schools	Follow-up to the scrutiny in the 17 October 2024 meeting
	Finance Performance Report	Scrutiny of the performance of Council departments
	Corporate and Legal Services Performance Report	Scrutiny of the performance of Council departments

16/3/27	School Support Service	Implementation of the new arrangements
	Progress Report on Safeguarding Arrangements in Schools Scrutiny Investigation Recommendations	Tracking Scrutiny Investigation Recommendations
	Supporting Businesses and Community Enterprises	Follow-up / Council Plan 2023-28 - A Prosperous Gwynedd

Item to be added when timely - Gwynedd Economy Strategy Action Plan