

EDUCATION FOR LIFE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 4TH JUNE 2014

SUBJECT: SERVICE PRIORITIES 2014/2015

REPORT BY: ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform members of the service priorities for 2014-2015, highlighting the links to the corporate priorities and the priorities within the Caerphilly Single Integrated Plan.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 The report provides a overview of the priorities of the Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate for 2014-2015.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

3.1 The links are clearly highlighted between the priorities of the Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate with the corporate priorities and the aims of Caerphilly's Single Integrated Plan.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 A presentation will be made to members to reiterate the performance management arrangements within the Directorate, highlighting the planning process used by all departments.
- 4.2 The presentation informed Members that the priorities for the Directorate for 2014-2015 are:
 - Raise standards of attainment for all learners
 - Develop a multi-agency approach to address the impact of poverty on pupils and their communities, to enhance regeneration
 - Reduce the gap in attainment between pupils in advantaged and disadvantaged communities.
 - Transform educational opportunities for learners by providing improved learning environments

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 No equalities impact assessment has been undertaken on this report, as that work is done through consultation or assessment at the level of any individual projects carried out under the priorities listed in 4.2 above.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no Financial Implications directly associated with this report.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no personnel implications directly associated with this report.

8. CONSULTATIONS

8.1 All responses from consultation have been incorporated into this report.

9. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 It is recommended that Scrutiny note this report and the priorities of the Directorate for 2014/2015.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the Council undertakes effective scrutiny for monitoring of performance improvement.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 The Local Government Measure 2009.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Service Priorities Presentation