

## Letter from the Chief Executive, Leader, and Lead Member

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the post of Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention. The role is due to become vacant due to the retirement of the current post holder in August 2020.

This is an exciting opportunity to join our senior leadership team which has seven Chief Officers and has been in place since April 2019, the post holder will report direct to the Chief Executive.

The Leader, Portfolio Holder and the Chief Executive see this as a key appointment and critical to building on our success, and developing and strengthening our services to benefit the children and young people of Wrexham

You will lead on the Education & Early intervention portfolio, as well as actively contributing to our collective leadership goals to deliver long term improvement and sustainable services for Wrexham County Borough Council.

Your portfolio covers some of our most visible and important frontline services, as well as holding the statutory Chief Education Officer role. These include school improvement, additional learning needs and inclusion, access and school places, youth services and well-being services. The local authority maintains 68 schools including 1 nursery school, 57 primary schools and 9 secondary schools. In addition, there is one special school and a Pupil Referral Unit.

Local Government Education Services in Wrexham were inspected in October 2019. The report can be accessed at the Estyn website at [www.estyn.gov.wales](http://www.estyn.gov.wales).

You will advise the Chief Executive and our Elected Members on key education issues and strategies, as well as leading some of our most important change work, and other partnership projects. Expectations will be high both within and outside the Council but collective accountability and strong support will be provided.

You will be able to demonstrate excellent and visible leadership skills, be an accomplished communicator and have a proven track record of designing and delivering innovative and improved customer services and change programmes. We are seeking someone with excellent knowledge and skills in this area, or transferable skills gained in a similar and complex customer facing organisation. If successful you will be part of a team of committed public servants working on behalf of Wrexham County Borough Council and its residents.

We believe that Wrexham as a place, and the Council as an organisation, is a great place to be, and an opportunity for you to develop your skills and be part of our One Council approach of building on the success of a dynamic and developing organisation.

**We look forward to receiving your completed application.**

**Yours sincerely**

**Cllr Mark Pritchard**



**Leader**

**Ian Bancroft**



**Chief Executive**

**Cllr Phil Wynn**



**Portfolio Lead Member**