

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Correspondence Report summary 2015 - 16

Committee date	Recipient	Subject	Response Required	Response date	Response received	Future Action
9 June 2015	Cllr Lent	Children's Services delivery Plan Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub	Reprioritise actions to enable actions to be completed as soon as possible Make every effort to sustain the current caseload averages Committee to be kept informed of plans to investigate any alternative service provisions. Provide further progress reports on the development of the MASH	23 July 2015	Response – Officers will consider how best to achieve this when they develop the 2016/17 delivery plan This is a clear priority – caseloads remain at an average of 18.9 Committee will be provided with an early opportunity to consider new proposals or thinking about service development These will be scheduled into the Committee's calendar	
9 June 2015	Cllr Merry	Education Delivery Plan	To amend the Plan to: Clearly identify a long term strategy for school improvement Reprioritise the actions		Work is underway with Head teachers to develop the strategy for the next phase of school improvement The implementation of	

		Needs	<p>so that those that can be completed quickly are shown as such</p> <p>Review the categorisation of pupils to reflect their first language and not ethnicity</p> <p>Include in future to include an action on training of school governing bodies</p> <p>Provide to a future meeting a report on the Council's traineeship and how it can help Needs</p> <p>Provide a report to a future meeting on the progress being made by the Cardiff Partnership Board on its work stream Engagement and Progression.</p>	<p>the Business Plan is prioritised with timescales reflecting those actions which are most important</p> <p>Both ethnicity and English as an additional language are use in tracking and reporting pupil attainment</p> <p>Action to strengthen governor training is being taken forward</p> <p>A further report on NEETs and the Youth Service will be presented in May 2016</p> <p>Partnerships will be included in the May 2016 report</p>	
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14 July 2015	Cllr Lent	<p data-bbox="573 212 810 316">Social Services and Well Being Act</p> <p data-bbox="573 767 734 906">Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee</p>	<p data-bbox="855 212 1220 427">Members requested the disaggregation of the self assessment data, across the three organisations involved in implementing the action plan</p> <p data-bbox="855 472 1173 651">That the resource implications of the Act must be included in regular monitoring reports</p> <p data-bbox="855 767 1193 1018">Committee recommended that the lack of scrutiny arrangements of the partnership Board must be reported back to Welsh Government</p> <p data-bbox="855 1062 1167 1166">That the Committee's report should be presented to Council</p> <p data-bbox="855 1211 1189 1315">That future agendas be sent to the Scrutiny Committee members</p>	23 July 2015	<p data-bbox="1429 212 1794 722">As advised the self assessment tool is of limited value in assessing readiness for the Act. It is therefore not an appropriate use of management capacity to undertake the disaggregation. The Director will ensure regular reports, with a more manageable format that provide a better degree of measurability.</p> <p data-bbox="1429 767 1753 1054">There is nothing to prevent full and robust public scrutiny in the context of the Council and its Partners. The development of the above reports will take this into account.</p> <p data-bbox="1429 1099 1727 1131">This will be arranged</p> <p data-bbox="1429 1211 1794 1283">This is agreed and will be implemented</p>	

		Estyn Rec 4 .	<p>effectiveness</p> <p>Urgent action is taken to ensure that the Council satisfies Estyn in reducing exclusions</p> <p>Members a more detailed report on the Prevent Strategy later in the year</p>		<p>The views of Estyn on reducing exclusions will be reported in October.</p> <p>Further information on the Prevent Strategy will be presented later in the year.</p>	
29 July 2015	Cllr Elsmore & Cllr Lent	Director of Social Services Annual Report 2014-15	<p>Recommend that the report be amended to include a statement about how the areas for development will lead to improved performance and how many performance indicators it is expected will be improved in 2015-16 as a result of the work undertaken.</p> <p>Recommend that the Future Challenges for Adults Services be amended to include the need to improve performance in the care planning pathway, given</p>		<p>The report has now been approved by Council and included the following statement</p> <p>“The draft Director’s Report was considered at a joint meeting of the Children & Young People and Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committees on 29 July 2015 and has been amended in light of feedback from members”.</p>	

			<p>that there has been underperformance in this area for 2014/15, and note Tony Young's commitment to do this.</p> <p>Recommend that the role scrutiny committees are playing in supporting improvement in social services is acknowledged and detailed in the report.</p> <p>Recommend that the Adult Services areas for development are amended to articulate the specific improvements that are proposed for each area they relate to. recommend that also include actual numbers in brackets, so that readers can understand the scale of performance change</p> <p>recommend amend to include target lines, so that readers can easily</p>			
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			<p>see whether performance is on track or adrift from performance targets.</p> <p>recommends that correct the use of English in the first and fourth bullet points.</p> <p>recommends that the wording of the second paragraph (P31) be improved to make it clearer what support is provided to the 7,626 people cited in this paragraph.</p> <p>recommend that expand the area for development 'Improve collaborative working with partners' (P38).</p> <p>recommend that the wording will be amended (P40) regarding 'Ensure no further growth in the number of children entering the looked after system'</p>			
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			<p>Request details of how progress in delivering the areas for development will be regularly monitored.</p> <p>Request a breakdown to show the services received by the 7,626 people cited as receiving support (second paragraph, p 31)</p> <p>Request details of the changes to policy and/ or practice that have happened as a consequence of using complaints as a learning opportunity</p>			

			<p>key stages;</p> <p>Details of the actions being implemented to address the inconsistencies in teacher assessments</p>			
15 September 2015	Cllr Lent	<p>Child Health and Disability progress report</p> <p>Families First Review</p>	<p>Recommended that you consult and implement the new Child Health and Disability eligibility criteria as soon as possible;</p> <p>Recommends that regular consultation meetings are undertaken with children and their carers who use the Child Health and Disability service;</p> <p>That you and officers lobby the Welsh Government to ensure that the Families First funding and packages continue to be provided post 2017;</p> <p>That future corporate performance quarterly</p>		Awaiting a response	

		Quarter one Performance	reports include the relevant performance indicators published by the Wales Data Unit and publicised by the Welsh Government; and Provide details of the use of the contingency budget for Children's Services.			
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Inquiry Letters

Outcome Letter date	Recipient	Subject of Investigation	Key Findings and Recommendations	Response date	Response received	Future Action
1 December 2014	Cllr Magill	Recruitment and Appointment of Local Authority School Governors	<p>Cardiff's Recruitment and Appointment Process</p> <p>School Governing Bodies must have the appropriate Skills</p> <p>Ward Councillors</p> <p>Role of Governors</p>	29 December 2014	Cabinet supported the recommendations and Council agreed to establish a Governor Appointment panel	Phase two of investigations to be undertaken late spring.