

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

| Committee date | Recipient | Subject | Response Required | Response date | Response received | Future Action |
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| 15 September 2015 | Cllr Lent | Child Health and Disability progress report | Recommended that you consult and implement the new Child Health and Disability eligibility criteria as soon as possible; Recommends that regular consultation meetings are undertaken with children and their carers who use the Child Health and Disability service; | 25 November 2015 | The Change manager will continue working on the CHAD development plan which incorporates the recommendations | To monitor the reports recommendations in a years time. |
| | | Families First Review | That you and officers lobby the Welsh Government to ensure that the Families First funding and packages continue to be provided post 2017; | | Officers are in conversation with the Welsh Government | |
| | | Quarter one Performance | That future corporate performance quarterly reports include the | | The performance report will include the relevant performance indicators | |

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| | | | <p>relevant performance indicators published by the Wales Data Unit and publicised by the Welsh Government; and</p> <p>Provide details of the use of the contingency budget for Children's Services.</p> | | <p>published by the Welsh Data Unit</p> <p>At month 4 expenditure was above budget and therefore the drawdown was put forward for approval. If the position improves then an adjustment can be made.</p> | |
| 13 October | Cllr Lent | Budget Monitoring | <p>Payment by Results - Information on the barriers to achieving this saving and further details on the ongoing review of all out of county placements to help identify other savings</p> <p>Business support review – As this saving will now not be achieved, details of alternative actions to achieve the saving</p> <p>Commissioned</p> | | Awaiting a response | |

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| | | | residential services – An explanation of why this saving could not be achieved and the alternative actions being undertaken to fully achieve this saving | | | |
| 13 October | Suzanne Griffiths | National and Regional Adoption Service | <p>Future reports to include Comparative information from similar English authorities</p> <p>Future Scrutiny of the National Annual Report must include the regions annual report</p> | 13 November 2015 | <p>Benchmarking against performance in England is undertaken and is closely monitored by the Leadership Board</p> <p>Future scrutiny will centre on the performance of the Regional service, and the National service will be in attendance to put it into the wider national context.</p> | To include in next years work programme |
| 10 November | Councillor Sarah Merry | School Performance Monitoring | Those lessons learnt from the June Estyn report on Eastern High and its recommendations will be used to aid in the merger of Glyn Derw and Michaelston High Schools. Provide a further report on the | | No response required | Further reports to be presented to Committee to include the information requested |

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| | | | <p>merger following the completion of the consultation.</p> <p>Committee recommended that future performance reports should include the graphical representation of the results</p> | | | |
| 10 November 2015 | Hannah Woodhouse | Scrutiny of Consortium | <p>Committee agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support the Chairperson in attending termly meetings with other regional scrutiny chairs to share best practice • continue with the current programme of consortium scrutiny meetings until this council has improved and is removed from Estyn monitoring. | | No response required | The work programme of the committee will be reviewed following the Estyn inspection assessment. |

Inquiry Letters

| Outcome Letter date | Recipient | Subject of Investigation | Key Findings and Recommendations | Response date | Response received | Future Action |
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| 16 July | Cllr Magill | School Governors | <p>Effectiveness of the Governing Body</p> <p>Support for Governing Bodies</p> <p>.</p> <p>Training of Governors</p> | | Awaiting response | |
| 11 November 2015 | Cllr Merry | Schools causing Concern | <p>School Improvement Process</p> <p>Governing Bodies and Governors – Involvement in School Improvement</p> <p>School Support Categorisation</p> | | Awaiting response | |