
**CABINET RESPONSE TO THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE INQUIRY REPORT ENTITLED "PREVENTING YOUNG PEOPLE'S
INVOLVEMENT IN DRUG DEALING".**

Background

1. The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee agreed as part of their work programme to undertake an inquiry into Preventing Young People's Involvement in Drug Dealing. As a result, the Committee agreed to set up Task and Finish Group Inquiry. The terms of reference were agreed as follows:
 - a. The contributing factors that give rise to young people becoming involved in drug dealing in the city
 - b. The positive contributing factors that communities can put in place to protect and prevent young people becoming involved in drug dealing in the city
 - c. Determine the effectiveness of current policies and services in protecting and preventing young people becoming involved in drug dealing in the city.
 - d. Identify good practice
 - e. Determine how best statutory agencies can work with communities to ensure they are informed about services and support available and are confident to report concerns
 - f. Make recommendations to be taken forward to the Safer & Cohesive Communities Programme Board

2. The task group Inquiry was informed by evidence and advice from a wide range of witnesses including Council Members and officers (including Youth Service);

third sector organisations; Community Safety Board Members; schools; Cardiff & Vale UHB; residents and community representatives; and Probation. The Members also reviewed a number of publications and reports, and developed, distributed and analysed a community survey to gain a snapshot of opinion across Cardiff

3. The report was presented to Cabinet on 15 November 2018, copy attached at **Appendix A** and a full response was agreed by Cabinet on 18 April 2019, copy attached at **Appendix B & C**.

Cabinet Response to Recommendations

4. The scrutiny report included 19 recommendations for the Cabinet to respond to. The Cabinet response stated that six recommendations were partially accepted and 12 fully accepted and one to follow (17).

Way Forward

5. Members may also wish to note the cabinet response **Appendix B & C** and agree to receive an action plan implementing the recommendations in the autumn.

Legal Implications

6. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not making policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to the Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in

accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

7. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not making policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to note the Cabinet response report, attached at **Appendix B & C**, and agree to receive an action plan implementing the recommendations in the autumn.

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