

**CYNGOR CAERDYDD
CARDIFF COUNCIL**

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 November 2019

CARDIFF CHILD FRIENDLY CITY – PROGRESS REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. As part of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee 2019-20 Work Programme, the Committee agreed to receive progress reports on the development of a programme for Cardiff to be globally recognised as a Child Friendly City, through participation in the Unicef UK Child Friendly City and Communities Programme.

Background

2. This Committee reviewed a draft copy of the Child Friendly Cardiff Strategy at its meeting on 13 November 2018, prior to by the Cardiff Public Services Board. The Committee was fully supportive of the strategy as well as ensuring the Children and Young People are at the heart of all decision making that impacts on them. However the Members did write providing comments for the Board to consider, in particular:
 - That engagement with Sports and Youth organisations had not been considered during the development of Strategy and that the views of Sport and Youth organisations are sought on the strategy
 - That the Strategy would be strengthen by the inclusion of the Public Sector groups in making Cardiff a Child Friendly City.
 - that 3rd Sector's involvement would enhance the scope of the Strategy
3. The Cabinet Member, Councillor Sarah Merry responded to the Committee letter explaining that:
 - As the Board moves to the delivery phase of the strategy we will seek opportunities to ensure the active participation and support of these organisations and sectors.

- The strategy will soon be underwritten by a much more detailed delivery plan, with key actions, milestones and performance measures. We will use this opportunity to integrate actions to involve Sports and Youth Organisations, the private sector ad third sector.
4. The Cardiff Public Service Board (PSB) at its meeting on 20th November 2018 approved the Child Friendly Cardiff Strategy, copy attached at **Appendix A**. The Strategy sets out 5 clear Goals:
- Every Child and Young person is valued, respected and treated fairly;
 - Every Child and Young Person has their voice, needs and priorities heard and taken into account;
 - All children and young people grow up in a safe and supportive home;
 - All Children and Young people access high quality education that promotes their rights and helps them develop their skills and talents to the full;
 - Children and Young people have good physical, mental and emotional health and know how to stay healthy.
5. A summary of the Plan of Actions and Success Measures, which are to be a commitment across all PSB organisations, are also included at the end of each of the five Goals.

Issues

6. The briefing paper, attached at **Appendix B**, sets out the background the Child Friendly City programme, together with the five key goals, it also includes:
- A description of the goal;
 - Details of the main areas covered by each goad with an explanation of progress made to date
 - Key area of focus to progress each goal;

Followed by an overall conclusion of the overall for the programme.

Scope of Scrutiny

7. This report will enable the Committee to review, assess and comment on the progress being made in addressing the five goals, the development of the action plan and progress to date.

Way Forward

8. Councillor Sarah Merry (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education), Nick Batchelor (Director of Education and Lifelong Learning) and Lee Patterson (Community Education Officer) will present the report to the Committee and be available to answer member's questions.
9. Members may wish to consider the information in the report and that presented at the meeting and provide, Councillor Sarah Merry Cabinet Member for Education Employment & Skills, and Director of Education and Lifelong Learning with any comments, concerns or recommendations.

Legal Implications

10. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make 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 Cabinet 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

11. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make 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 will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

That Committee reviews the report and **appendices A & B** together with any information presented at the meeting and provide any recommendations, comments or advice to, Councillor Sarah Merry, Cabinet Member for Education Employment & Skills, and Director of Education and Lifelong Learning.

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