

Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee Work Programming Forum

5 October 2020

Decisions Taken

Present: Cllrs Bridgeman, Cunnah, Melbourne, Hopkins, Molik, Rees, Singh and Phillips;
Carol Colbert, Patricia Arlotte; Matthew Richards

Pre- Decision Scrutiny

| Scheduled Report to Cabinet | Provisional Timing | |
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| Whitchurch High School – Development of Art, Maths & Science – Upper School Site | 9 th November 2020 | All agreed – schedule as available. |
| Early Years, Primary and Secondary school provision to serve Adamsdown and Splott | 9 th November 2020 | |
| Redevelopment and Expansion of Cathays High School | 9 th November 2020 | |
| Corporate Plan | 16 th February 2021 | |
| Budgetary Proposals | 16 th February 2021 | |
| Directorate Delivery Plans | March/April 2021 | |
| Local Authority Social Services Annual Report 2020/21 | July 2021 | |

Time-Critical/ reputational

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Justice Service | <p>Agreed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor and Review Strategy and Action Plan Receive early evidence of performance Focus on outcomes and improvements for young people, not just outputs/data/statistics |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Restart – Preparation and Adaptation for dealing with Covid-19 | <p>Agreed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation and adaptation of plans for dealing with Covid-19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What plans are in place? How effective has the schools restart been in practice? Is learning accessible for all? How are changes and adaptations being communicated to pupils, parents and carers? Has good practice been identified and shared amongst schools, governing bodies etc? How is the LEA and other bodies supporting schools regarding the above? |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on vulnerable learners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NEETs ○ Those with Additional Learning Needs ○ Young Carers ○ Children Looked After ○ BAME pupils ○ Those identified as being vulnerable to criminal, sexual and financial exploitation, including drugs <i>(to include the Criminal Exploitation Agenda and the Cardiff Response)</i> |
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Priority Items – Cabinet Members & Directors

| Cllr Hinchey | |
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| Workforce | <p>Agreed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular reporting and monitoring in relation to the recruitment and retention of staff not only in Youth Justice Service (already identified by CYPSC Members) but across the whole of Children's Services; and effectiveness of partnership working in workforce planning and delivery • Scrutiny of Workforce issues be extended to also cover Education, particularly around training and awareness raising in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tackling race and prejudice in Schools – addressing attitudes and behaviours ○ Having an understanding of race and diverse communities in which the school serves ○ The effectiveness of current training in relation to identifying and reporting exploitation ○ To include input from community safety and cohesion on this issue |
| Fostering, Placements, Practice Improvements (suggested as 3 separate Items) | <p>Agreed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A "whole piece" approach to be adopted to look at how effective the Service is working to deliver services and crucially, improved outcomes for young people • Review and revisit progress the CYPSC Inquiry on "Out of County Placements" • To receive a response in relation to the CYPSC Inquiry on "Child Mental Health Support and Services" • Cross-departmental review with Education in relation to attendance figures and EOTAS pupils |

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| Early Intervention & Prevention | Agreed that a Briefing be considered at the CYPSC Meeting on the 19 th January 2021, as suggested by the Service Area |
| Cllr Merry | |
| To be discussed at meeting on the 7 th October 2020 and reported to CYPSC on the 12 th October | |

Other Issues Raised by CYPSC Members

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| Voices of Young People | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed that the Committee speak directly to a range of young people on their views on Council Services, particularly those within the Terms of Reference of this Scrutiny Committee |
| Contextual Safeguarding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed that a briefing/training session be developed to inform Members of the significance of contextual safeguarding issues on the work of this Committee – to include input from Partners |
| Drug-related issues arising from Covid-19 and how it affects children & young people | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue already identified as a priority for Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee. Explore how Members of this Scrutiny Committee can contribute to the consideration of this issue. |

CYPSC Members agreed to undertake monthly reviews of the Work Programme to keep a watching brief on the issues agreed above and any other issues that may emerge. This will be considered as part of the monthly “Committee Business” report.