

**CYNGOR CAERDYDD**

**CARDIFF COUNCIL**

**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**12 OCTOBER 2020**

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**COMMITTEE BUSINESS REPORT**

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**Background**

1. This report sets out a summary of the Committee's business and sets out the following:
  - A correspondence update arising from recent scrutiny meetings;  
and
  - The latest position in relation to the CYPSC Task & Finish Inquiry on Child Mental Health & Well-being Support and Services
2. Future Committee Business reports will also include details of the Committee's Work Programme, which will be considered as a separate Agenda Item at this meeting.

**Correspondence update**

3. Following most Committee meetings, the Chair writes a letter to the relevant Cabinet Member or officer, summing up the Committee's comments and recommendations regarding the issues considered. Set out below is the latest position in terms of correspondence:

### Covid 19 Scrutiny Panel:

- 3.1 *Response Received* - from Councillor Merry to the Chair of the Panel (Councillor Walker) relating to Plasdwr School considered on the 23 June 2020

### Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee

- 3.2. *Response Received* – from Councillor Merry to the Chair's letter regarding the School Organisation Plan considered at Committee on the 10 March 2020.
- 3.3. *Response Received* – from Councillor Hinchey and Graham Robb, Independent Chair of Youth Justice Board to the Chair's letter regarding the Youth Justice Board Inspection considered at Committee on the 30 July 2020;
- 3.4. *Response Received* – from Councillor Merry to the Chair's letter regarding Education Restart considered at Committee on the 30 July 2020;
- 3.5. *Response awaited* – from Councillor Hinchey to the Chair's letter regarding the Local Authority Social Services Report 2019/20 considered at Committee on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020
4. Copies of the public Chair's letters and responses received can be found on the Council's website page for the relevant Committee meeting, with a hyperlink provided at the top of the page, entitled '*correspondence following the committee meeting*'.

### CYPSC Task & Finish Inquiry - Child Mental Health & Well-being Support and Services

5. The report arising from this Scrutiny Inquiry was approved by Cabinet on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Due to the re-focussing of work to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic and standing down of standard committee meetings (including Cabinet), a response on the recommendations is awaited and will be considered by this Scrutiny Committee in due course.

## **Way Forward**

6. During the meeting, Members will have the opportunity to reflect on the correspondence update and note the update on the Task & Finish Inquiry.
7. Further details of other Committee business will be reported at future meetings, including the CYPSC Work Programme 2020/21, which will be discussed as a separate Item on the Agenda at this meeting.

## **Legal Implications**

8. 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/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**

9. 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/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee is recommended to reflect on the update on committee correspondence; and note the update on the CYPSC Task & Finish Inquiry.

**DAVINA FIORE**

**Director of Governance and Legal Services**

**5<sup>th</sup> October 2020**