

CYNGOR CAERDYDD

CARDIFF COUNCIL

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

15 DECEMBER 2020

COMMITTEE BUSINESS REPORT

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;
 - Work Programme Update; and
 - The latest position in relation to the CYPSC Task & Finish Inquiry on Child Mental Health & Well-being Support and Services.

Correspondence update

2. 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:

- *Response Received* – from Councillor Hinchey to the Chair’s letter regarding Q3 Performance (2019/20) and Out Of County Placements Update considered at Committee on the 10 March 2020.
 - *Response awaited* – from Councillor Hinchey to the Chair’s letter regarding the Service Update and Performance Report for Children’s Services (2020/21) considered at Committee on the 12 October 2020.
 - *Response awaited* – from Councillor Merry to the Chair’s letter regarding the Service Update and Performance Report for Education (2020/21) considered at Committee on the 12 October 2020.
3. 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*’.

Q2 Performance

4. Prior to today’s meeting, Members will have received via email the results of 2020/21 Q2 Performance for Children’s Services. Members will be invited at the meeting to raise any issues or concerns arising from the results.

CYPSC Forward Work Programme January – March 2021

5. The Head of Democratic Services has requested each Scrutiny Committee agrees the provisional items proposed for the next three months, as set out in **Appendix A**. Members will have the opportunity at the meeting to raise any issues or concerns at this meeting, and to sign off for publishing.

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

6. The report arising from this Scrutiny Inquiry was approved by Cabinet on the 19th 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. It is anticipated that the recommendations will be considered by the PSB in January 2021.

Way Forward

7. During the meeting, Members will have the opportunity to reflect on the correspondence update; Q2 Performance; CYPSC Work Programme; and note the update on the CYPSC Task & Finish Inquiry.

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; Q2 Performance; CYPSC Forward Work Programme; and note the update on the CYPSC Task & Finish Inquiry.

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8 December 2020