

CYNGOR CAERDYDD

CARDIFF COUNCIL

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9 NOVEMBER 2021

CYPSC 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 Updates – Forward Plan and 2021/22 work programming; and
 - Update on the Scrutiny of the Replacement LDP

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:

June 2021

- *Response received* – from Councillor Merry to the Chair's letter regarding proposals in relation to the expansion and redevelopment of Cathays High School and Primary School places to serve Cathays and parts of Gabalfa, Heath, Llandaff North and Plasnewydd considered at Committee on the 15th June 2021.
- *Response received* – from Councillor Hinchey to the Chair's confidential letter relating to Ty Coryton

July 2021

- *Response received* – from Councillor Hinchey to the Chair’s letter regarding the Youth Justice Service Update considered at Committee on the 13th July 2021.
- *Response received* – from Councillor Merry to the Chair’s letter in relation to Pentyrch Primary School and Provision for Children and Young People with Additional Learning Needs (ALN).
- *Response received* – from Councillor Hinchey to the Chair’s letter in relation to the Local Authority Social Services Annual Report 2020/21 and Q4 performance.

September 2021

- *No response required* – CYPSC contribution to a joint letter to Councillor Wild regarding the Replacement Local Development Plan
- *Response received* – from Councillor Merry to the Chair’s letter regarding the Education Pandemic Recovery.
- *Response received* – from Councillor Merry to the Chair’s letter in relation to the future of Willows High School and the WESP briefing.
- *Response received* - from Councillor Merry to the Chair’s letter in relation to the confidential item on Ty Glas.

October 2021

- *Response awaited* – from Councillor Merry to the Chair’s letter in relation to proposals relating to the future of Cathays High School, ALN/Greenhill and WESP. Please note that the Service Area has contacted the Scrutiny Officer to explain that a response is imminent, citing the Estyn Inspection as the reason for the delay.
- *Response awaited* – from Councillor Hinchey to the Chair’s letter in relation to the Family Drug and Alcohol Court, Closer to Home, Youth Justice Service and Quarter 1 performance.

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*'.

CYPSC Work Programme 2020/21

4. Attached at **Appendix A** is the latest version of the CYPSC Work Programme. This has been amended based on the latest published Cabinet Forward Plan; latest SOP Decision log; Items that have been suggested by Children's Services; and some of the Partnership Reports that are due to come to CYPSC for consideration.
5. Members are requested to consider and agree the contents of Appendix A.

CYPSC Forward Work Programme – December 2021 – March 2022

6. 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 B**. Members will have the opportunity at the meeting to raise any issues or concerns at this meeting, and to sign off for publishing.

Local Development Plan Scrutiny

7. In September 2021 the five Scrutiny Committees individually considered the draft report titled *Cardiff Replacement Local Development Plan: Vision, Issues and Objectives and Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report* prior to its consideration by Cabinet. Following this Scrutiny, a collective letter was sent to the Cabinet capturing the concerns and observations of all five committees.

8. The five Scrutiny Chairs agreed it would be good practice to pool scrutiny expertise and continue a culture of collaboration on this key policy for the future of Cardiff. It was agreed to progress scrutiny of the next stages of the RLDP via a Task and Finish Group with cross-representation from all five Committees.
9. On the 18th October 2021, Members of this Committee were invited (via email) to express an interest in the RLDP Task & Finish Group. In turn, Karen Dell'Armi was appointed as CYPSC's representative on this Group.
10. The first meeting of the RLDP T&F Group met on the 2nd November 2021, where Members considered the Group's Terms of Reference. Attached at **Appendix C** (to follow) is the output from that meeting for Member's consideration.

Way Forward

11. During the meeting, Members will have the opportunity to reflect on the correspondence update; CYPSC Work Programming; CYPSC Forward Work Programme; and information relating to the RLDP Task & Finish Group.

Legal Implications

12. 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

13. 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 correspondence update; CYPSC Work Programming; CYPSC Forward Work Programme December – February; and information relating to the RLDP Task & Finish Group

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