

CYPSC COMMITTEE BUSINESS REPORT

Background

1. This report sets out a summary of the Committee's business as follows:
 - A correspondence update arising from recent scrutiny meetings;
 - Update on the SOP Task & Finish Group;
 - Update on the EOTAS Inquiry Task & Finish Group;
 - Updates on other business considered by this Committee informally;
 - The latest version of the CYPSC Work Programme; and
 - The draft CYPSC Forward Work Programme for January – April 2023, to be agreed and then published on the Council's website.

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:

July 2022

- *Response received* – from Councillor Merry to the Chair's letter regarding School Organisation Planning Proposals – Complex Learning Needs; Emotional Health & Wellbeing; and Pentyrch Primary School.

September 2022

Meeting postponed.

October 2022

- *Response received* – from Councillor Lister to the Chair’s letter regarding the Youth Justice Service
- *Response awaited* – from Councillor Lister to the Chair’s letter regarding the Local Authority Social Services Annual Report 2021/22; Children’s Services Quarter 1 performance for 2022/23; and Unpaid Carers Charter

November 2022

- *Response awaited (due in January 2023)* - from Councillor Merry to the Chair’s letter regarding School Organisation Planning Proposals – Fairwater Campus and Band B Redevelopments. This letter is confidential.
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*’.

SOP Task & Finish Group

4. The SOP Task & Finish Group was established as a rolling Group to consider a number of School Organisation Planning proposals coming forward during 2022/23.

5. The SOP T&F Group met with the Cabinet Member and Senior Officers on the 8 November 2022 to consider the proposals in relation to the **Fairwater Campus and Band B Redevelopments**. The Group considered the details of the proposals and held a Q&A session. It was agreed that due to the scale of the proposal it should be escalated for full Committee consideration on the 14 November 2022. Members may recall that the November meeting was dedicated to this issue.
6. The Task Group met on the 7 December 2022, to consider proposals in relation to **Moorland Early Years Unit and Replacement Flying Start: Procurement of Contractor for Construction**. The output from this meeting is set out in a separate report being considered at this meeting of the Committee

EOTAS Inquiry Task & Finish Group

7. At the Committee's work programming forum in July 2022, the Committee agreed to undertake an in-depth Inquiry on **Young People who are educated other than at School (EOTAS) and what factors could lead to them becoming vulnerable to criminal exploitation** during the next 12 – 18 months.
8. Members of this Task Group are:
 - Cllr Bridgeman
 - Cllr Ferguson-Thorne
 - Cllr Hopkins
 - Carol Cobert
 - Karen Dell'Armi (volunteer co-optee)
9. The Inquiry is currently being scoped out for consideration, and further details will emerge following first meeting of the Task & Finish Group, which is currently scheduled for January 2023 (*date to be confirmed*). This will be reported back to full committee in due course.

CYPSC – Informal Business

10. Due to the volume of items coming forward for the CYPSC Work Programme, sometimes the Chair will advise the Scrutiny Officer to send reports informally to Committee Members to invite their comments, views, observations and queries. These responses are collated and detailed in an output letter to the relevant Cabinet Member. The Chair has agreed the following to be sent via this method.

- **Vale, Valleys and Cardiff Adoption Collaborative Annual Report 2021/22**
CYPSC Members have received this report and an update on responses will be provided verbally by the Scrutiny Officer at this meeting.
- **Corporate Safeguarding Policy** – a draft version of this Policy will be distributed to CYPSC Members for comments once published. It will be considered by the Cabinet on the 15 December 2022.

CYPSC Work Programme 2022/23

11. The latest version of the CYPSC Work Programme is attached at **Appendix A**. Members are requested to note changes.

CYPSC Forward Work Programme – 1 January – 1 April 2023

12. As part of the Council's response to the Wales Audit Office report '*Overview and Scrutiny - Fit for the Future?*' (July 2018), the Head of Democratic Services has introduced publication of the Committee's "Forward Work Plan" (FWP) on the Council's internet site.¹

13. The next published FWP will cover the period January – April 2023. At this meeting, Members are asked to consider the information set out in **Appendix**

¹ Available at: <http://cardiff.moderngov.co.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPIId=142&RD=0&LLL=0>

B and agree for this to be published, subject to any amendments agreed at this meeting.

Way Forward

14. During the meeting, Members will have the opportunity to;

- reflect on the correspondence update.
- Note the progress in relation to the SOP Task & Finish Group and the EOTAS Inquiry Task & Finish Group
- Note progress in relation to those Items distributed informally, including any verbal updates at this Committee meeting.
- Note the latest CYPSC Work Programme for 2022/23 and agree the Forward Work Programme for January – April 2023, and for it to be published on the Council's website.

Legal Implications

15. 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

16. 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;

- I. reflect on the correspondence update.
- II. Note the progress in relation to the SOP Task & Finish Group and the EOTAS Inquiry Task & Finish Group
- III. Note progress in relation to those Items distributed informally, including any verbal updates at this Committee meeting.
- IV. Note the latest CYPSC Work Programme for 2022/23 and agree the Forward Work Programme for January – April 2023, and for it to be published on the Council's website.

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