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CARDIFF COUNCIL

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

4 JULY 2023

CARDIFF INFLUENCERS – BRIEFING REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. For Members to receive a brief overview of this Agenda Item ahead of this meeting where Members will receive a briefing from the Cardiff Influencers.

Background

2. The Chair of this Scrutiny Committee was approached by a group of young people who are working together as part of the development of the School Organisation Planning (SOP) Strategy. This group are the Cardiff Influencers.

Issues

3. The group were keen to come and speak to Members about the work they have been doing and make a presentation on their progress to date. The group are extremely interested in local democracy and the inclusion of the voice of young people in developing policies and strategies that affect them. Members of the group are, in the main, 13–14-year-olds, in Year 9 of secondary school. Having met most of the group, the Chair reported that they are extremely knowledgeable and engaging.
4. Members are requested to note that this is a briefing to committee, and not a “hold to account” session. Please could you ensure that your questions are positive and limited to points of clarification or further information.

Way Forward

5. At this meeting Councillor Sarah Merry, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education will be in attendance and may wish to make a statement. The Cardiff Influencers will be supported by Richard Portas, Director of SOP; Michele Duddridge-Friedl, Operational Manager, School Organisation Programme Strategy; and Cai Maxwell, Performance Management Support Officer in Education & Lifelong Learning.

6. Members will be able to agree any comments and observations that they wish to pass on to the Cabinet Member, Senior Officers and Cardiff Influencers during the Way Forward and decide whether they wish to receive further updates from witnesses in the future.

Legal Implications

7. 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 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

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 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 will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

That Committee considers this report and information provided at the meeting and agrees any comments or observations it wishes to offer to the Cabinet Member, officers and the Cardiff Influencers; and any future scrutiny Members may wish to undertake on this issue.

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