

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Correspondence Report summary 2015 - 16

Committee date	Recipient	Subject	Response Required	Response date	Response received	Future Action
15 September 2015	Cllr Merry	Quarter one performance	A further update on the outcome of the admission appeals, following the completion of the 30 day statutory timescale for an appeal hearing, and the numbers of pupils who have not yet attended school because of appeals or pressure on the admissions process;	4 November 2015	All appeals have been completed within the statutory 30 day time scale. Pupils have been offered places and it is now down to parental choice as to which option is taken up by the child	N/A
			Assurance that additional management actions would be put in place to ensure that the SOP programme would be fully implemented;		Additional experienced staff has been secured to strengthen the capacity of the team	To continue to monitor throughout the year
		Provisional School Results	A copy of the recent Eastern High Estyn letter;		Copy attached to letter	N/A
			Details of the measures being implemented to		Details of the measures being taken to bring	To continue to monitor

			<p>bring about significant improvements in results in mathematics across all key stages;</p> <p>Details of the actions being implemented to address the inconsistencies in teacher assessments</p>		<p>about significant improvements in Maths results is contained in a report of the Education Development Board, attached to the letter</p> <p>The consortium have been commissioned to address the inconsistencies, a copy of the processes are listed in the letter.</p>	<p>To continue to monitor the Consortiums work</p>
15 September 2015	Cllr Lent	<p>Child Health and Disability progress report</p> <p>Families First Review</p>	<p>Recommended that you consult and implement the new Child Health and Disability eligibility criteria as soon as possible;</p> <p>Recommends that regular consultation meetings are undertaken with children and their carers who use the Child Health and Disability service;</p> <p>That you and officers lobby the Welsh Government to ensure that the Families First funding and packages</p>		<p>Awaiting a response</p>	

		Quarter one Performance	<p>continue to be provided post 2017;</p> <p>That future corporate performance quarterly reports include the relevant performance indicators published by the Wales Data Unit and publicised by the Welsh Government; and</p> <p>Provide details of the use of the contingency budget for Children's Services.</p>			
13 October	Cllr Hinchey	Budget Monitoring	<p>More robust assessment of achievability needs to be undertaken to ensure decisions are made on the correct information</p> <p>Corporate contingency should only be allocated and approved at the end of the Year, should it be needed</p>		Awaiting a response	
13 October	Cllr Lent	Budget Monitoring	Payment by Results - Information on the barriers to achieving this		Awaiting a response	

			<p>saving and further details on the ongoing review of all out of county placements to help identify other savings</p> <p>Business support review – As this saving will now not be achieved, details of alternative actions to achieve the saving</p> <p>Commissioned residential services – An explanation of why this saving could not be achieved and the alternative actions being undertaken to fully achieve this saving</p>			
13 October	Cllr Merry	Budget Monitoring	<p>Deteriorating position in respect of school balance – detail of actions being taken to address the deficits</p> <p>Funding for the Central South Consortium – contribution to savings</p> <p>Staff realignment and</p>		Awaiting a response	

			restructure – detail of how the savings will now be achieved			
13 October	Suzanne Griffiths	National and Regional Adoption Service	Future reports to include Comparative information from similar English authorities Future Scrutiny of the National Annual Report must include the regions annual report		Awaiting a response	

Inquiry Letters

Outcome Letter date	Recipient	Subject of Investigation	Key Findings and Recommendations	Response date	Response received	Future Action
16 July	Cllr Magill	School Governors	Effectiveness of the Governing Body Support for Governing Bodies · Training of Governors		Awaiting response	