

## Corporate Plan 2022-25 Target setting Observations

## Appendix 1i

REF/PAGE	Observation/for Cabinet's further reflection
WBO1	
S1.6	The Panel sought assurance that CYPSC would be involved in arrangements in relation to <b>'Begin to develop a strategic framework for the future prioritisation of 21<sup>st</sup> Century School and Local Development Plan investment.'</b> We note the Leaders assurance that this will happen. We also note whilst Band B included academic rigour via Cardiff University WISERD, the role of scrutiny is a critical part of this process.
S1.14 (New)	The Panel sought assurance that scrutiny of the Central South Consortium (CSC) to <b>deliver school improvement and measure school performance</b> as the new accountability and assessment framework emerges would continue, particularly as the CSC was highlighted as a recommendation in the Estyn report. Members note the Education Service is currently awaiting guidance from Welsh Government regarding the new accountability and assessment framework. and will continue to work with CSC in delivering school improvements. The Service has built on the progress of the schools causing concern, and yellow and green schools processes, to put in place an all-schools risk meeting that operates 4 times per year but want to strengthen this with CSC, looking particularly at teaching and learning. Service has shared the Cardiff strategic priorities with CSC principal improvement partners to work on when looking at all schools' risk meetings.
S1.16 (New)	The Panel sought clarification in relation to <b>"Deliver an integrated model of Youth Support Services"</b> , and what that means. We note that this arose out of the Covid recovery whilst looking more closely with colleagues across the authority at integrating services for young people. It relates to a wider piece of work across a range of services across the city
KPI 1.6, KPI 1.8 KPI 1.14	<b>Attendance of children looked after; Successful EOTAS and Children Looked After transitions at year 11;</b> Members highlighted the lower results compared to all pupils.  The Panel noted that in terms of outcomes and attainment standards for children looked after, Education & Lifelong Learning acknowledged that results need to improve and has committed additional, dedicated resource to the service to support those children & young people, which is a key component to driving up standards and outcomes.  In terms of EOTAS (Education Other Than At School) pupils, this is a group of challenged and disengaged young people, impacted by the pandemic where digital youth work works well. We note the Council is looking to quality assure all the different provisions to improve outcomes and build on current provisions. It is an area of focus for the Cabinet which mirrors

## Scrutiny comments and observations for further consideration

	<p>scrutiny's concerns. The target reflects current performance, but when adding Cardiff 2030, sets out the next steps in the Council's education journey.</p> <p>Performance has improved over the past 5 years and the Council is now getting into more difficult to solve areas. We note the Chief Executive's comment that the work the Council is doing to identify needs for this cohort via the vulnerable assessment profiling is much stronger than it was and in a good position to make inroads in ensuring needs are identified and support is in place for these young people.</p> <p>The Panel also notes that in relation to working practices across Education and Children's Services, strides have been made to share data and resources and is ongoing.</p>
<b>KPI1.30</b> <b>KPI1.32</b>	<p>The Panel commended the performance reported to date, with many areas on target, including the Family Gateway. However, highlighted that Support4Families has not yet met its target.</p> <p>We note officers' response that the current target is 2000, a cumulative target pending quarter 4 results and the service area is confident that they can reach the target. Current results are only slightly lower than this time last year.</p>
<b>KPI1.33</b>	<p><b>Youth Justice Service:</b> Members enquired why only 7 had been referred to the team.</p> <p>We note the Chief Executive's response that, in relation to first-time entrants, the results reflect a welcome change of practice, including diversionary activities and police showing a reluctance to criminalise young people. This has been audited by Youth Justice Cymru which resulted in taking the Cardiff YJS Board out its higher level of monitoring. We note that there may be other factors playing out in terms of how the courts have operated, but mainly due to change of practice.</p>
<b>KPI 1.34</b>	<p><b>The percentage of children re-offending within 6 months of their previous offence:</b> Members highlighted that performance appears to be decreasing and the target of 40.0% seems high, asking how Cardiff compares with other local authorities in relation to reoffending rates?</p> <p>We note the Chief Executive's view that reoffending rates are a difficult area, partly as it takes time for the reoffending rate to be reflective of the changes of practice being made. We were assured by the Corporate Director that there has been a significant reduction in the reoffending rates, and comparisons show Cardiff doing significantly better than it was. It was impacted by Covid but will keep a keen eye on this and where it settles.</p>

