Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 24th February, 2010.

Present: Cllr David Harrington (Chairman), Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Phillip Broughton, Cllr Mrs Ann Cains, Cllr Mick Eddy, Cllr Maurice Frankland, Cllr Miss Barbara Inman, Cllr Alan Lewis, Cllr Andrew Sherris.

Officers: Gillian McCredie, Peter Seller (CESC); Paul Diggins (DNS); Fiona Shayler, Judith Trainer (LD).

Also in attendance: Mr G Davies (Non voting co-opted representatives); Mr R Cash (Parent Governor Representatives).

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Mr D Campbell and Mr R G Lupton.

1 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Beall declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in relation to agenda item no. 4 further to being the Chairman of the Eastern Ravens Trust.

2 Draft Minutes 27th January 2010

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

3 Previous Update on Previously Agreed Recommendations

Members were requested to consider the assessments of progress contained within the Progress Updates on the implementation of previously agreed recommendations. There were outstanding recommendations for both the reviews of Bullying and Obesity.

Members considered the bullying progress update and were provided with information from Gillian McCredie. Members discussed the first action with regard to schools achieving the accreditation status. It was felt that although this action had been completed, Members felt that they would like a further update at a future meeting, highlighting which schools had achieved accreditation status.

Members held discussion on cyber bullying and were concerned about bullying by text message and using sites such as facebook etc. Members were informed that each school had its own policy about the use of facebook and other similar sites, some had it blocked from the school computers.

Members held discussion on the progress report for Obesity. Members asked for more information on the wider community accessing school grounds and how many schools had a community use policy.

Members asked for an update from Claire Spence with regard to restaurateurs producing menus with nutritional information and smaller portion sizes of adult meals.

Members also asked for more details on the plans and intitiatives linking the Olympics with the obesity agenda.

It was requested that Members be sent a copy of the map packs produced which identified descriptions of walks throughout the borough.

Members also gueried the feedback from GP's weight monitoring programmes.

CONCLUDED that the progress updates be approved and the further items of information as requested by Members be provided.

4 Youth Service Review

Members were provided with the draft scope and project plan for their review of Youth Services.

Members asked for alternative delivery models (including the third sector) to be examined as part of the review.

CONCLUDED that the draft scope and project plan be agreed.

5 Work Programme

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 14th April 2010. Members discussed changing the date of the meeting programmed for August as it was during the School summer holidays, it was suggested that a date in July be identified.

CONCLUDED that the work programme be noted.

6 Chair's Update

Members were informed by the Chair that the Select Committee Work Programme would be considered by Executive Scrutiny Committee on 2nd March 2010. It was suggested that a further piece of work be considered by the Select Committee to begin in the Autumn once the Youth Services Review was completed.

CONCLUDED that the Chair's Update be noted.