

Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 10th November, 2010.

Present: Cllr David Harrington (Chairman), Cllr Phillip Broughton, Cllr Mrs Ann Cains, Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Mick Eddy, Cllr Miss Barbara Inman, Cllr Andrew Sherris.

Officers: Jane Humphreys, Peter Seller, Terry Frank, Gareth Carson, Paul Surtees (CESC); Sue Barker-Schneider (PPC); Fiona McKie, Judith Trainer (LD).

Also in attendance: Mr Davies (Non voting co-opted Rep); Cllr Mrs McCoy (Cabinet Member).

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllr Cherrett, Cllr Frankland, Mr Beach.

1 **Declarations of Interest**

2 **Minutes for Signing - 9th June, 30th June, 14th July and 1st September, 2010**

The minutes of the meetings held on 9th June, 30th June, 14th July and 1st September, 2010 were signed by the Chairman.

3 **Minutes - 29th September, 6th October, 21st October**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th September, 6th October were agreed as a correct record. The Chairman had a query on the declarations of interest on the minutes of 21st October and requested that these minutes be presented to the next meeting once the declarations had been clarified.

4 **Youth Service Review**

Members received information from Sue Barker-Schneider on the Council's use of social networking to communicate with young people. The Council currently makes use of Facebook, Twitter, Flickr and U-Tube to communicate with the public.

The Council's website was very popular with the public and figures for its usage were particularly high during bad weather such as last December when there were over 140k hits. The Council endeavours to keep the website as up to date as possible publicising events, consultations, weather alerts, road closures etc.

Members were informed that a policy was currently being established regarding the use of social networking sites.

The Chairman informed members of a meeting that was being held in Leeds regarding Social Networking by West Yorkshire Council, the Chair had full details should any Members be interested in attending.

Members considered the comments made at the all Member meeting on 21st October 2010. At that meeting Members were provided with each of the draft recommendations and were given the opportunity to break into smaller groups and comment upon each of the recommendations.

Members made some minor changes to the recommendations to recognise the impact of the Comprehensive Spending Review. It was also felt appropriate to make an additional recommendation to explore using social media as a way to engage with young people.

Members were provided with a matrix of youth services that included factors such as football, reach etc. Members requested that the information on the matrix be broken down further in order for them to finalise Recommendation 2. It was suggested that a further meeting be organised on 24th November in order for this information to be received.

CONCLUDED that the information received be noted and that a further meeting be organised for 24th November in order for Members to receive further information with regard to the matrix

prior to finalising recommendation 2.

5 Work Programme

Members were informed that Executive Scrutiny Committee had agreed that this Committee undertake a task and finish review of Connexions. It was proposed that this review begin at the meeting to be held on 15th December 2010.

It was also suggested that Members be provided with an overview of Children's Services and Safeguarding at its future overview meeting.

CONCLUDED that the Work Programme be noted.

6 Chair's Update

Members discussed the timing of their meetings and agreed to keep the meeting time at 4.30pm for the purpose of the annual diary.

Members were informed that there was to be a parliamentary enquiry to consider Youth Services universally. Members agreed to send a copy of their final report of Youth Services upon completion.

CONCLUDED that the Chair's update be noted.