

Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 15th December, 2010.

Present: Cllr Mick Eddy (Chairman), Cllr Phillip Broughton, Cllr Aidan Cockerill (vice Cllr Sherris), Cllr Miss Barbara Inman.

Officers: Terry Frank, Jane Humphreys (CESC); Paul Diggins (DNS); Fiona McKie, Judith Trainer (LD).

Also in attendance:

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Ann Cains, Cllr Julia Cherrett, Cllr Maurice Frankland, Cllr David Harrington, Cllr Andrew Sherris.

1 Declarations of Interest

None

2 Minutes for Signing - 29th September, 6th October 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th September and 6th October were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3 Draft Minutes - 10th November and 24th November 2010

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 10th November and 24th November were agreed as a correct record.

4 EIT Task and Finish Review - Connexions

Members were provided with the scope and a baseline presentation for their EIT review of Connexions.

Jane Humphreys provided an update on the Early Intervention Grant.

Members were provided with background information on the Connexions Service which was introduced following the White Paper: Learning to Succeed (1999) and the Learning Skills Act 2000. The Connexions Strategy 2000 was introduced and a service developed to provide support, information and guidance to school leavers, with cross cutting targets with other service areas such as YOS, Care Leavers, School Attendance and Teenage Pregnancy. The Service was provided by a network of Personal Advisers.

Members were also provided with information on the effects of NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) for young people.

Information was provided to Members on targeted Youth Support within Stockton on Tees together with 2010/11 Funding and the legislation around the Connexions Service.

Discussion was held on the recent announcements on the Comprehensive Spending Review and the effects that this could have on the Service. The next meeting on 26th January would look at Options for the Connexions TNF including the Targeted Youth Service.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted and that the Options be provided at the next meeting on 26th January 2011.

5 Quarterly Progress Updates on Previously Agreed Recommendations

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

Discussion was held on the outstanding Bullying recommendation regarding the pilot of the reporting and recording database and requested further information on the review of this pilot.

Members discussed the outstanding Obesity recommendations and requested a more detailed update on the wider access of school grounds out of school time.

CONCLUDED that the additional information as requested be provided to Members and that further monitoring reports be brought back to the Committee in the next quarter.

6 Work Programme

The next meeting would be held on 26th January 2011 to discuss the Options for Connexions and the Monitoring of Child Placements. The meeting on 9th March would consider the Youth Centre Matrix.

CONCLUDED that the Work Programme be noted.

7 Chairman's Update

The Chairman reported that the Final Report of Youth Services would be presented to Cabinet on Thursday 16th December, 2010.

CONCLUDED that the Chairman's update be noted.