

Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 21st March, 2012.

Present: Cllr Carol Clark (In the Chair), Cllr Ben Houchen, Cllr Elliot Kennedy, Cllr Ken Lupton, Cllr Ray McCall, Cllr Tracey Stott.

Officers: Lynda Brown (CESC); Fiona McKie, Judith Trainer (LD).

Also in attendance: Mr D Campbell (Non Voting Co-opted Representative)

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllr Mick Eddy, Cllr Barbara Inman, Cllr Ross Patterson. Norah Moffat (Diocesan Representative).

1 Declarations of Interest

None

2 Draft Minutes - 25th January 2012

Consideration was given to the draft minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2012.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

3 EIT Review of School Effectiveness

Members were presented with the draft recommendations for the EIT Review of School Effectiveness. These recommendations were subject to final approval of Cabinet on 17 May, 2012. It was proposed that an action plan for implementation be produced and that future monitoring be streamlined to include monitoring of the implementation of School Effectiveness recommendations, Early Intervention Grant, Early Years and review the School Inclusion Review of inclusive services which took place 2010/11.

Proposals relating to the definition of job roles and team alignment would be subject to a formal consultation with staff, which would begin in May, following and subject to, Committee and Cabinet approval. Whilst there were no current proposals to reduce staffing, any requests for voluntary redundancy would be considered in line with broader Council policy and the opportunity to maximise efficiencies and/or opportunities for staff in compulsory redundancy situations. Such considerations would, of course, be assessed in the context of Service need and delivery.

It was stated that safeguarding support for schools had been consistently requested by Head Teachers. A similar service had been provided in the past and it was felt that this could be part of the future proposals.

The Prospectus had been well received by Schools and other neighbouring authorities had expressed an interest in producing a similar document for their Schools.

A training session was due to be held on 29th March for Head Teachers

regarding 'Consideration of the School Improvement Model'. It was suggested that this training session be rolled out to School Governors.

The final report would be presented at the next meeting on 25th April 2012.

AGREED that the draft recommendations be approved and that Members consider the final report on 25th April 2012.

4 Scrutiny Development Session

Members were provided with a presentation from the Team Leader - Scrutiny regarding the key ingredients for a successful scrutiny review.

AGREED that the presentation be noted.

5 Work Programme

The next meeting would be held on 25th April 2012.

6 Chairs Update

None