

Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 16th October, 2013.

Present: Cllr Carol Clark (Chairman), Cllr Norma Stephenson O.B.E (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Barbara Inman, Cllr Ken Lupton and Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley.

Officers: Lynda Brown, Shaun McLurg, Miriam Sigsworth (CESC), Richard Poundford, Roland Todd (DNS), Judith Trainer, Peter Bell (LDS).

Also in attendance: Phil Cook (Principal Stockton Riverside College), Joanna Bailey (Principal Stockton Sixth Form College), John Taylor (Education Funding Agency).

Apologies: Cllr Ben Houchen, Cllr Elliot Kennedy, Cllr Ross Patterson and Cllr Tracey Stott.

1 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Norma Stephenson declared a personal interest in item titled Youth Offending Service Annual Performance Report as she was on the Youth Offending Service Panel.

2 **Draft Minutes - 28th August 2013 and 18th September 2013**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 28th August 2013 and 18th September 2013.

AGREED the minutes be approved.

3 **Youth Offending Service (YOS) Annual Performance Report 2012/13**

The Committee considered the 2012/13 Annual Performance Report of the Youth Offending Service. The main points included were:-

- In 2013/13 the number of young people that came into contact with the youth justice system in Stockton-on-Tees was 392 committing 771 offences. It was noted that this had decreased, as it had nationally.
- Members were provided with a breakdown on the nature of the crimes committed over the year and the demographics.
- Assessment of the young people supervised by Youth Offending Service covered 3 key areas; Likelihood of further offending; safeguarding and risk of harm to the public.
- The Youth offending Service had 3 key performance measurement for 2012/13; Reducing the numbers of first-time entrants; reducing reoffending and reducing the use of custody. The work undertaken and outcomes for each performance measurement was discussed.
- Members were made aware of the national developments in Youth Justice.

AGREED the information be noted.

4 **Scrutiny Review of Employment and Education - Strand Two - Provision and Performance**

The Committee was provided information on the Stockton-On-Tees Youth

Assembly Annual debate on Getting ready for Work and received presentations from Stockton Sixth Form College, Stockton Riverside College and Education Funding Agency regarding meeting the needs of young people and employers.

The main information from Stockton Youth Assembly Annual Debate note discussed was as follows:-

- Key messages from young people regarding getting ready for work when leaving school.
- The opportunities available in terms of lack of vacancies, travelling to and from work and a lack of experience limiting their opportunities of employment.
- Receiving sufficient and valuable careers advice within schools to help pupils make more informed decisions on their choices when leaving school.
- Having an awareness of the local economy and the job prospects within the area.

The main information discussed from the presentation from Stockton Sixth Form College was:-

- Outcomes for learners.
- Areas for improvements.
- Teaching, learning and assessment process within the college.
- Leadership and management
- Public image and reputation
- Programmes for young people and employers
- Future plans for the college.

The main information discussed from the presentation from Stockton Riverside College:-

- College starting position
- embedding accountability and responsibility
- Transformational partnerships with stakeholders
- Ofsted outcomes for learners and teachers.
- College overall success rates
- Teaching, learning and assessments within college.
- Strategic planning and priorities.

The main information discusses from the presentation from Education Funding Agency:-

- Education Funding Agency role and policies.
- Funding streams
- Interventions when institutions fail.
- Study programme and traineeships.
- Having 14 and 15 year olds in Further Education Colleges.
- Challenges for Stockton.

Members thanked the presenters for the information.

AGREED information be noted.

5 Work Programme

Members were provided with a copy of the work programme for the Committee.

AGREED the work programme be noted.

