

Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 16th September, 2015.

Present: Cllr Carol Clark(Chairman), Cllr Tracey Stott(Vice-Chairman), Cllr Elsi Hampton, Cllr Di Hewitt, Cllr Lauriane Povey, Cllr Rachael Proud, Cllr Sally Ann Watson Cllr Sylvia Walmsley(Vice Cllr Ian Dalgarno).

Officers: Lynda Brown, Jane Wright and Darren Coulton(CESC), Judith Trainer and Kirsty Wannop(LDS)

Also in attendance: None

Apologies: Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Mr Phil Rigby,

CYP 6/15 Evacuation Procedure

The evacuation procedure was noted.

CYP 7/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

CYP 8/15 Draft Minutes - 24 June 2015

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 2015.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

CYP 9/15 Scrutiny Review of School Organisation and Admission Arrangements (Phase 2)

Members considered information presented regarding the Review of School Organisation and Admission Arrangements(Phase 2). Members received a copy of the Admission to Primary and Secondary booklets for the admission round 2016. Previously a single booklet had been distributed including information on both Primary and Secondary, this year a booklet for each was distributed to parents.

The Committee considered the draft consultation proposals to support the Review. Consultation would take place with stakeholders, head teachers, governors and parents/members of the public. Members acknowledged it could be difficult to encourage parents to take part in formal meetings. It was agreed to discuss parent consultation in more detail at the next meeting.

The Committee also discussed the new legislation that allowed parents to defer their child starting school a year. The impact this would have was unknown and it would be difficult to predict how parents would react year on year.

AGREED that the information be noted.

CYP 10/15 Healthwatch Stockton-on-Tees Annual Report

AGREED that the report be deferred to the November meeting.

**CYP
11/15** **Quality and Performance Monitoring**

The Committee considered the quality and performance reports that would be presented to Members throughout the year and were provided with a schedule showing what and when they would be considered. In addition to the reports it was proposed that a rolling programme of site visits to frontline services would be organised.

It was also suggested that Committee received feedback from Ward Member visits to Children's Homes, alongside this Chair and Vice Chair plus two to three members to meet twice yearly with a group of looked after children to hear their views on the service.

The Committee or a sub group of the Committee could also receive feedback from schools/Heads, Children's Centre and Social Care premises after Ofsted inspections had taken place to discuss the findings. The Committee supported this suggestion and it was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting of the Committee.

AGREED that

1. the strengthened quality and performance framework be approved.
2. the information be noted.

**CYP
12/15** **Work Programme**

The Committee considered its work programme and agreed that the Healthwatch Annual Report be considered in November due to the busy agenda in October.