

Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 17th July, 2019.

Present: Cllr Carol Clark(Chairman), Cllr Barbara Inman(Vice-Chair), Cllr Clare Gamble, Cllr Luke Frost (Sub for Cllr Ray Godwin), Cllr Tony Hampton, (Cllr Maurice Perry, (Sub for Cllr Andrew Sherris), Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE (Sub for Cllr Marilyn Surtees), Cllr Sally Ann Watson

Officers: Dave Willingham, Ian Caley (CS), Judy Trainer, Marianne Sleeman (DCE)

Also in attendance: Emily Hill, Eve McDonald (BMBF Big Committee)

Apologies: Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Ross Patterson, Cllr Ray Godwin, Cllr Marilyn Surtees

CYP 1/19 Evacuation Procedure

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and the evacuation procedure was noted.

CYP 2/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

CYP 3/19 Minutes from the meeting held on 13th March 2019 for approval/signature

Consideration was given to the minutes from the meetings held on 13th March 2019.

AGREED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

CYP 4/19 Scrutiny Review of Careers Provision

The Committee received presentations on:

- Careers and the Wider Context
- The Council's role

The main issues discussed were included:

Careers and the Wider Context

• There were a number of “myths” about jobs and careers. The evidence showed:

• Job sectors employing the most people within the Borough had remained very much the same as they were in 1988

• Workers were spending more time in the same job

• The number of career changes over a person's working life has not substantively changed

- The future workforce will need to be agile, motivated, resilient, eager to learn and adaptable to new tech
- There would be fewer mid-range jobs and much less secure entry-level jobs
- Workers will need higher level qualifications in most sectors in the future
- The Tees Valley is still behind national achievement at 16. A significant issue for the Local Authority is attracting and retaining more graduates
- Between 2015 and 2024, predicted expansion demand was modest (17000) but replacement demand was huge (116000) – with most opportunities in middle and senior management and in the professions.
- Colleges have significantly improved in-year retention and year to year progression

The Council's Role - RONI

- The Council has a statutory responsibility to track all young people aged 16 – 18 and to provide targeted support to those who are NEET
- The RONI (Risk of NEET Indicator) was developed in to support young people who are at risk of becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)
- In the Borough, only 4.3% of young people are NEET and 0.1% are Not Known compared to a combined North East average of 5.9%
- The RONI provides a reliable indicator of who needs support and evidence demonstrates that interventions are having an impact
- Children who have been excluded or who are home schooled are automatically targeted through the RONI, although families of home schooled children can decline offers of support
- Behavioural issues are the strongest indicator for a young person becoming NEET

The Council's Role – Universal Careers

- Schools and colleges are responsible for CEIAG (Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance)
- Gatsby benchmarks were considered to be best practice and set out careers advice and guidance support across eight areas. A Few schools are already delivering across all eight benchmarks; St Peter's in Middlesbrough was an example of a school which met them

- The Council provided universal Careers Guidance as a traded service which schools could buy in. This not for profit service was bought in by most Stockton schools and seven other Local Authority areas. Alternatively, schools can employ Careers Advisers themselves or employ private companies
- CEIAG is part of the OFSTED Inspection Framework
- Neighbouring Local Authorities no longer provide universal Careers Guidance
- Universal Careers Guidance was bought in by the setting rather than the young person; if a young person asked for direct help, Youth Direction would seek to help but would also have to refer them back to their school or college

Following the presentation and discussion, consideration was given to the Scope and Project Plan for the review.

AGREED:

That the scope and project plan be approved and that visits to a range of Stockton schools be undertaken as part of the review.

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Select Committee Work Programme

Consideration was given to the Children Young People Select Committee Work Programme for 2019 – 2020.

AGREED

That the Children and Young People Select Committee Work Programme be noted.

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Chair's Update

The Chair had nothing further to update.