

Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 4th December, 2019.

Present: Cllr Carol Clark(Chairman), Cllr Barbara Inman(Vice-Chair), Cllr Clare Gamble, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Marilyn Surtees, Cllr Sally Ann Watson, Cllr Sylvia Walmsley (Sub for Cllr Ray Godwin)

Officers: Rhona Bollands, Jon Doyle, Judy Trainer, Marianne Sleeman (MD)

Also in attendance: Cllr Luke Frost.

Apologies: Cllr Ray Godwin

CYP 29/19 Evacuation Procedure

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

CYP 30/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies noted.

CYP 31/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

CYP 32/19 Minutes from the meeting on 6th November 2019 for approval / signature

Consideration was given to the minutes from the meeting held on the 6th November 2019.

AGREED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

CYP 33/19 Healthwatch Annual Report

Due to illness the Healthwatch Annual Report was not presented.

CYP 34/19 Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS) May 2019

Members received information regarding the Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS) May 2019 from the Assistant Director Safeguarding and Looked After Children which included:

- Whilst the outcome was disappointing, no child was deemed unsafe in the Borough.
- A more effective approach to tracking children needs to be in place under the Public Law Outline.

- An Action Plan has been agreed and work commenced promptly; a lot of the Actions have already been completed.
- A further inspection would be carried out in 2020.

AGREED

That the information on the Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS) May 2019 be noted and that a further update be presented to the Select Committee in due course.

CYP 35/19 Scrutiny Review of Domestic Abuse and its Impact on Children

Consideration was given to the draft final report following the Task and Finish Scrutiny Review of Domestic Violence and its Impact on Children.

Recommendations from the Task and Finish Review focused on training and awareness raising, analysis of the effectiveness of interventions through contract monitoring for domestic abuse services, early help, joint working between children's and adults' and opportunities for collaborative working.

Councillor Evans commented on the importance of this area of work and welcomed the recommendations.

AGREED

That the final report be endorsed for submission to Cabinet.

CYP 36/19 Select Committee Work Programme

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

AGREED

The Healthwatch Annual Report be brought back to the Select Committee in the New Year.

CYP 37/19 Chairs Update

The Chair had nothing to update