Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 11th November, 2020.

Present: Cllr Carol Clark (Chairman), Cllr Barbara Inman, Cllr Clare Gamble, Cllr Ray Godwin, Cllr Ross Patterson, Cllr Lauriane Povey, Cllr Alan Watson (sub for Cllr Tony Hampton), Cllr Sally Ann Watson

Officers: Martin Gray, Dave Willingham, Lesley Harrison (CS), Peter Bell, Rebecca Saunders-Thompson, Judy Trainer (DS)

Also in attendance: Liam Twizell (Healthwatch)

Apologies: Cllr Tony Hampton

CYP Declarations of Interest

20/20

Councillor Alan Watson and Councillor Sally Ann Watson declared personal, non-prejudicial interests in Item 3 as neighbours owned Motif8 clothing who supply school uniform to Stockton Schools and their business uniforms.

CYP Minutes of meeting held on 16 September 2020

21/20

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2020 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CYP Scrutiny Review of the Cost of School Uniform

22/20

The Select Committee considered the draft final report following its review of the cost of school uniform. A minor amendment was proposed to the wording of recommendation 2.

AGREED that the report, as amended, be approved and submitted to Cabinet.

CYP Scrutiny Review of Care Leavers EET - Scope and Project Plan

23/20

The Scrutiny Officer introduced the scope and project plan for the Select Committee's next review of Care Leavers EET.

Dave Willingham and Lesley Harrison from Children's Services also provided some background and context for the review.

The Select Committee discussed the scope of the review. The main issues discussed were:

• Although outcomes for young people in Stockton were in line with national averages, the review would examine whether the Council was doing enough and what more needed to be done to further improve performance and outcomes for young people

• Views of young people gathered also needed to include feedback from those not in education, employment and training and young people with disabilities

• Evidence should include feedback from local employers and the Council (as an employer)

Case study examples would be useful

AGREED that, subject to the above comments, the scope and project plan for the review be approved.

CYP Select Committee Work Programme

24/20

The Scrutiny Officer reported that the Healthwatch report The Impact of COVID 19 on Young People would be submitted to the December meeting of the Committee.

AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.

CYP Chairs Update

25/20

The Chair had no update.