

Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 8th June, 2022.

Present: Cllr Carol Clark (Chair), Cllr Barbara Inman (Vice Chair), Cllr Lauriane Povey, Cllr Stephen Richardson, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Paul Weston (sub for Cllr Clare Gamble) and Cllr Sally Ann Watson.

Officers: Martin Gray, David Willingham, Mandie Rowlands, Jon Doyle, Jane Smith (Children's Services), Haleem Ghafoor (Corporate Projects Manager), Judy Trainer (DS)

Also in attendance: Cllr Lisa Evans (Cabinet Member)

Apologies: Cllr Dan Fagan, Cllr Clare Gamble, Cllr Ray Godwin

CYP 1/22 **Evacuation Procedure**

The Evacuation Procedure was noted.

CYP 2/22 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

CYP 3/22 **Minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2022**

AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2022, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CYP 4/22 **Progress Update - Domestic Abuse and its Impact on Children**

The Select Committee considered a progress update in respect of its previous review. The key issues discussed were as follows:

- The positive impact of embedding the Harbour link officers within Children's Services
- Operation Encompass reporting times had improved but it was noted that it could still be two days before incidents were reported to schools depending on the time of day that the incident had occurred
- Collaboration and joint working across the Tees Valley had been a catalyst for a range of positive work
- Robust challenge was being achieved through the Domestic Abuse Steering Group

AGREED that the assessments of progress be confirmed.

CYP 5/22 **Scrutiny Review of Child Poverty**

The Select Committee considered the draft final report following its scrutiny review. Subject to approval by Cabinet, the Action Plan, setting out how the recommendations would be implemented, would be presented to the July meeting of the Select Committee.

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People was in attendance for this

item and thanked the Select Committee for their work and commented that she would be commending the recommendations to Cabinet.

AGREED that the final report be approved for submission to Cabinet.

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Scrutiny Review of Contextual Safeguarding and Youth Relationships

The Select Committee considered the draft scope and project plan for the Select Committee's next in-depth review. Members noted that other Council approaches (such as Birmingham and Sheffield) would be examined as part of the review.

AGREED that the scope and project plan for the review be approved.

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7/22**

Chair's Update and Work Programme

AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.