

Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 27th July, 2022.

Present: Cllr Carol Clark (Chair), Cllr Barbara Inman, Cllr Clare Gamble, Cllr Maurice Perry (sub for Cllr Andrew Sherris), Cllr Lauriane Povey, Cllr Stephen Richardson, Cllr Sally Ann Watson

Officers: Martin Gray, David Willingham, Mandie Rowlands, Miriam Sigsworth, Ian Caley (Children's Services), Haleem Ghafoor (Corporate Projects Manager), Judy Trainer (DS)

Also in attendance: Cllr Lisa Evans (Cabinet Member)

Apologies: Cllr Dan Fagan, Cllr Ray Godwin, Cllr Andrew Sherris

CYP 8/22 **Evacuation Procedure**

The Evacuation Procedure was noted.

CYP 9/22 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

CYP 10/22 **Minutes**

AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2022, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CYP 11/22 **Action Plan - Scrutiny Review of Child Poverty**

The Select Committee considered the action plan in respect of its previous review. Actions highlighted and discussed were as follows:

- Promotion of support through a range of channels including schools and websites
- Mapping of support, including breakfast clubs
- Promotion of the initiative to provide slow cookers working in partnership with Little Sprouts and the Food Power Network

AGREED that the Action Plan be approved.

CYP 12/22 **Progress Update - Scrutiny Review of Careers Provision**

The Select Committee considered a progress update in respect of its previous review.

The Select Committee noted the significant progress across Stockton Schools in meeting the Gatsby Benchmarks.

AGREED that the assessments of progress be confirmed and all actions signed off as fully complete.

CYP 13/22 **Progress Update - Scrutiny Review of Child's Journey**

The Select Committee considered a progress update in respect of its previous review.

AGREED that the assessments of progress be confirmed and all actions signed off as fully complete.

CYP 14/22 Scrutiny Review of Contextual Safeguarding and Youth Relationships

The Select Committee received a presentation setting out some background and context for the review and specifically “What makes a Child Vulnerable?”
The presentation covered:

- The dynamics of adolescence
 - o Risk and motivation for thrills
 - o Short-term thinking and gains
 - o Emotional regulation
 - o Increase desire for autonomy
- Context
 - o Home
 - o School
 - o Peer Group
 - o Neighbourhood
- Push
 - o Family Conflict/ domestic abuse
 - o Being thrown out
 - o Physical, emotional and sexual abuse
 - o Low self esteem
 - o Bullying
 - o Bereavement/ loss
 - o Mental health
 - o Poverty
- Pull
 - o Promises of something they need such as food, housing, money, gifts and drugs (in exchange for a task or actions)
 - o Group acceptance or validation
 - o Adventure or excitement
- Control
 - o Violence or threats of violence
 - o Threats or arrest or criminal conviction
 - o Brain washing

Key issues highlighted and discussed were as follows:

- Children don't recognise that they are being exploited
- The importance of early intervention
- The timeliness of the review
- Perpetrators can be peer on peer as well as adults
- Police and other agencies are actively involved and this will be explored more fully in a further session.

AGREED that the information be noted.

CYP Chair's Update and Work Programme

15/22

AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.