

## **Children & Young People Select Committee**

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 14th September, 2022.

**Present:** Cllr Carol Clark (Chair), Cllr Dan Fagan, Cllr Clare Gamble, Cllr Barbara Inman, Cllr Lauriane Povey, Cllr Sally Ann Watson

**Officers:** Martin Gray, David Willingham, Mandie Rowlands, Eve Conner McGill, Jane Williams (Children's Services), Judy Trainer (DS)

**Also in attendance:**

**Apologies:** Cllr Ray Godwin, Cllr Stephen Richardson, Cllr Andrew Sherris

### **CYP 16/22      Evacuation Procedure**

The Evacuation Procedure was noted.

### **CYP 17/22      Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **CYP 18/22      Minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2022**

AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **CYP 19/22      Progress Update - Scrutiny Review of Care Leaders EET**

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

Key issues highlighted and discussed were as follows:

- Although there had been significant progress, more time was needed to fully achieve all of the actions.
- Mechanisms to seek the views of young people were being established and there was still work to do to strengthen the involvement of young people in the scrutiny and review of the services and support offered.

AGREED that the assessments of progress be confirmed and a further progress update be submitted to the Select Committee in due course.

### **CYP 20/22      Scrutiny Review of Contextual Safeguarding and Youth Relationships**

The Select Committee received presentations covering:

- Relationships (Sex) and Health Education (RSHE) – Primary and Secondary.
- Healthy Schools Programme
- Support available to schools

- Healthy School partners
- Schools offer from SEND and Inclusion Service.
- The School Support Team and the School Support Adviser role.
- School Support Enhanced Transition Pilot Programme

Key issues highlighted and discussed were as follows:

- Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) were a new government initiative to help increase access to mental health support for children and young people. MHSTs had been rolled out in Billingham Schools and would be extended to North Stockton schools; this would result in approximately 50% of Stockton children attending a school with a MHST.
- Reference was made to media reports highlighting high levels of anxiety in children and young people as a result of Covid. Officers advised that although reports had overplayed the problem, proactive preventative support was offered in school settings to help children and young people verbalise their anxieties and develop coping mechanisms.
- Solution circles facilitate discussion of an issue by a locality-based group of multi-agency and multi-professional colleagues to achieve successful outcomes.
- School Support Workers had a role to play in reducing school exclusions through early help and prevention

AGREED that the information be noted.

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**Chair's Update and Select Committee Work Programme**

AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.