Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 26th November, 2008.

Present: Cllr Mick Eddy (in the Chair), Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Phillip Broughton, Cllr Mrs Ann Cains, Cllr David Harrington, Cllr Miss Barbara Inman, Cllr Alan Lewis, Cllr Andrew Sherris.

Officers: Fiona Shayler, Judith Trainer (LD); Barry Jackson, Rosemary Young, Neil Ellison, Jonathan Kibble (DNS).

Also in attendance: Mr G Davies (Non Voting Co-opted Representative).

Apologies: Cllr Maurice Frankland; Mr Frank (Diocesan Representative); Mr D Campbell, Mr R G Lupton (Non-voting Co-opted Representative); Mr R Cash (Parent Governor Representative).

CYP Declarations of Interest 52/08

None

CYP Review of Obesity 53/08

Members received evidence as part of their scrutiny review of Obesity from Rosemary Young - Spatial Plans Manager, Barry Jackson - Development Services Manager, Neil Ellison - Group Leader Road Safety, Jonathan Kibble - Senior Road Safety Officer.

Barry Jackson and Rosemary Young provided Members with information and answers to their questions regarding how planning could impact on the health of the community and how the Local Development Framework could impact upon this. As part of the planning process developers were encouraged to include open space within developments and any positive developments that encouraged the community to have healthier lifestyles were welcomed. Improving accessibility and choice was a priority including reducing the need to travel by car etc. It was felt that although these matters were included within planning considerations, it was difficult to use as a tool to bring about cultural change or change in individual habits.

Neil Ellison and Jonathan Kibble, provided Members with a presentation on active travel within the borough including information on the School Travel Plan and Workplace Travel Plan. An update was provided on the Schools that had completed an authorised school travel plan including those schools that were in progress and a list of the schools that had taken no progress to date.

Discussion was held on cycle routes and incentives for employees using bicycles to travel to work. Safer routes to school schemes and improved security for bicycles were being developed with match funding available for schools to build cycle parks. Training was also provided to school pupils in Years 3 and 4 to learn to ride and practical cycling training was provided to Year 5 onwards. A DVD had been produced by the authority regarding everything that a person would need to know about buying and riding a bicycle. The DVD had been very successful and was used nationally.

CONCLUDED that the information provided be noted.

CYP Work Programme 54/08

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 3rd December 2008 at 4.00pm to discuss the evidence received and to enable conclusions and recommendations to be discussed.

CONCLUDED that the Work Programme be noted.

CYP Chairman's Update 55/08

The Chairman would circulate further information to the Select Committee Members relating to the review of Obesity that he had received from the Governor Support Section.

CONCLUDED that the information received be noted.