Children and Young People Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 14 May 2014

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Scrutiny Review of Employment and Education

The review sought to establish how education and business can work together to ensure that learning provision matches local industry need. The final report was presented to the last Executive Scrutiny Committee and the Committee's recommendations were approved by Cabinet on 24 April 2014.

An action plan will be submitted to the Select Committee on 19 June 2014.

Scrutiny Review of a Safer Place for Children

At the last meeting of the Committee, Members received a presentation on the Policy Guidelines for A Safer Place for Children which explained the background to developing the policy and some of the issues which had arisen resulting in the Committee being asked to review the policy.

The Committee felt that this would be a short and focused piece of work intended to provide an independent review of the policy. Members agreed that the relevant organisations and member agencies be asked to provide a view to the Select Committee for consideration at their next meeting. The Committee also agreed that any organisation wishing to provide feedback direct to the Committee should be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee on 19 June.

Other Work

Preliminary work has commenced to plan out the Committee's review of School Place Planning. The review will commence following the scrutiny review of a Safer Place for Children.

The review of transition from primary to secondary will commence towards the end of the year.

Overview Meeting

The Committee's annual overview meeting has been arranged to take place on 19 June in conjunction with the Q4 performance report.