

Children and Young People Select Committee Chair's Update – 20 July 2016

Scrutiny Review – Stockton Local Safeguarding Children Board	
Achieved since last meeting	The Committee received evidence from the Chief Executive, Cabinet Member and the probation service at the March meeting of the Committee.
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	<p>The next meeting of the Committee scheduled to consider this review is not due to take place in until September; other partner representatives unable to attend the March meeting have been invited to the September meeting.</p> <p>The Committee will now be undertaking a survey of partner representative will be conducted and the Chair and Vice Chair plan to visit Leeds Council.</p> <p>Arrangements are being made to seek feedback from schools.</p>
On track – yes / no	Yes

Scrutiny Review – Youth Services	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>The Committee considered the scope and project plan for this review at their April meeting following discussions at the tri partite meeting.</p> <p>The Committee took evidence from Leon Mexter, Youth Focus North East and from Martin Gray and Dave Willingham (SBC) at their April meeting and received presentations on the proposed new approach to youth services and case studies at the June meeting.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	A further evidence gathering meeting will be held on July to examine aspects of the review relating to youth offending.
On track – yes / no	Due to a further evidence gathering session being included at the July meeting, this review is now scheduled to report to November Cabinet.

Scrutiny Review – School Organisation and Admission Arrangements (Phase 2)	
Achieved since last meeting	The Committee approved an action plan to implement the agreed recommendations on 13 April 2016.
Problems or concerns	None

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Planned next month	NA
On track – yes / no	Yes. The Committee will be receiving the initial progress update at its September meeting.

Educational Psychology – “Reporting In” Review	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>The Select Committee will be receiving a draft scope for this officer led review reporting into Children and Young People Select Committee</p> <p>This main aim of the review is to to explore different service delivery models and propose new ways of working.</p> <p>Drawing from best practice in other local authorities and research projects locally and nationally, key lines of enquiry will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the service be reshaped to better support outcomes for vulnerable children? • How can the service be best positioned to enable recruitment of strong staff to the team? • How can the service be best funded to enable it to work in a broader way in the Borough than just in statutory assessments – this would include in early support, family interventions and Future in Mind work across the school sector?
Planned next month	<p>Reporting of this review is as follows:</p> <p>Scope – 13 July 2016 Baseline – 16 November 2016 Options and Recommendations – 22 March 2017 Cabinet – 20 April 2017</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Requests for more information	None at present.

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Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>Visits to Frontline Services Members will recall that a series of visits to frontline services took place between December 2015 and March 2016. Members found the visits informative and these were also well received by staff. A record of the visits was reported to each Select Committee meeting.</p> <p>The Committee asked for feedback from the Director of Children's Services on Members' reports from visits and recommendations. The Director of Children's Services (Designate) attended the Committee to present a report detailing comments and responses to the issues raised.</p> <p>Common issues identified included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The roll out of additional technology to support more flexible working and greater efficiency. These issues are being taken forward as part of the Big Ticket reviews across Children's Services - The opportunity for earlier intervention in some areas such as around autism and complex needs
Problems or concerns	None
Requests for more information	None at present. The next round of visits is being arranged.

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>Transition from Primary to Secondary The Committee received an initial progress update in respect of the Committee's review of transition arrangements from primary to secondary. Diane McConnell and Deborah Merrett attended the meeting to give positive feedback on implementation of the innovative Transition Guarantee which all Stockton Schools had signed up to. The Committee were also pleased to understand that all arrangements had been made for a Borough Wide Transition week and project in line with the Committee's recommendations.</p> <p>The Chair was pleased to advise that the review was shortlisted for the MJ Awards in the Governance and Scrutiny Category.</p> <p>Child Sexual Exploitation The Committee were advised that although there was some slippage in relation to two of the Committee's recommendations from the original action plan, a great deal had been achieved and progress was encouraging.</p>

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	<p>Employment and Education The Committee were advised that NEETs had dropped and that feedback was being sought from young people.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Requests for more information	None at present.

Other Work	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>Home School Transport Policy</p> <p>At its June meeting the Select Committee met with representative of Faith Schools (Heads and Diocesan representative) to hear their concerns about the proposed changes to the Home School Transport Policy as part of the consultation process.</p> <p>A detailed record of the comments made at the meeting was recorded and have been included in the report for the Cabinet meeting to be held on 14 July.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Requests for more information	None at present.