

Date: Wednesday 25 September 2024 at 5.00 pm

Venue: Jim Cooke Conference Suite, Stockton Central Library, Church Road,
Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 1TU

Cllr Carol Clark (Chair)
Cllr Barbara Inman (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Ray Godwin
Cllr Stephen Richardson
Cllr Emily Tate
Cllr Katie Weston

Cllr David Reynard
Cllr Paul Rowling
Cllr Sally Ann Watson

AGENDA

- 1 Evacuation Procedure** (Pages 7 - 8)
- 2 Apologies for Absence**
- 3 Declarations of Interest**
- 4 Minutes**
To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 17 July 2024. (Pages 9 - 12)
- 5 Healthwatch Update - Youth Health**
To receive an update from Healthwatch around some focused work they are carrying out around youth health.
- 6 Scrutiny Review of Narrowing the Gap in Educational Attainment**
To consider the draft final report.
- 7 Chair's Update and Work Programme** (Pages 13 - 14)

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KEY - Declarable interests are:-

- Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI's)
- Other Registerable Interests (ORI's)
- Non Registerable Interests (NRI's)

Members – Declaration of Interest Guidance



Table 1 - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Subject	Description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council — (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land and property	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where— (a) that body (to the councillor's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

* 'director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

* 'securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

Table 2 – Other Registerable Interest

You must register as an Other Registrable Interest:

- a) any unpaid directorships
- b) any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority
- c) any body
 - (i) exercising functions of a public nature
 - (ii) directed to charitable purposes or
 - (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE

A meeting of Children and Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday 17 July 2024.

Present: Cllr Carol Clark (Chair), Cllr Barbara Inman (Vice-Chair), Cllr Stephen Richardson, Cllr Tony Riordan (sub for Cllr Sally Ann Watson), Cllr Emily Tate and Cllr Katie Weston.

Officers: Majella McCarthy, David Willingham, Nicole Wilson, Mandie Rowlands (ChS) and Judy Trainer (CS).

Also in attendance: None.

Apologies: Cllr Ray Godwin, Cllr David Reynard, Cllr Paul Rowling and Cllr Sally Ann Watson.

CYP/6/24 Evacuation Procedure

The evacuation procedure was noted.

CYP/7/24 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

CYP/8/24 Minutes

AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CYP/9/24 Scrutiny Review of Care Leavers EET - Progress Update

The Select Committee received a progress update in relation to its previous scrutiny review of care leavers EET. There was one outstanding recommendation relating to establishing a Borough Wide commitment to increase work experience and job opportunities with local employers and partner agencies.

A corporate group had been established at senior level and with local businesses focussing on EET and a report was to be presented to Cabinet in July with a recommendation to endorse additional employability support for care experienced young people aged 16 – 25 including prioritising access to apprenticeships and job vacancies and guaranteed interviews for those meeting essential criteria. The success of this would form the basis for how the Council approached external partners and local employers to progress beyond the Council.

As at 9 July 2024, the Council had:

- 6 young people on work placements within the Council
 - 4 of those have secured apprenticeships to start September 2024
 - 1 young person is doing work placement alongside policing degree.
 - 1 young person accepted on degree to start in September and using work placement as work experience

- 3 young people were currently midway through their apprenticeship that started September 2023
- 1 young person had completed the apprenticeship, secured a full-time post and was now working in the edge of care team supporting other young people who were at risk of becoming care experienced

A care experienced young person also attended the meeting to share his experiences of being part of the No Limits programme and progressing through to a successful apprenticeship. His experience demonstrated the importance of receiving support from the Council as a corporate parent.

AGREED that the progress update be noted, and the assessment of progress be confirmed with all actions for this review being signed off as fully complete.

CYP/10/24 Scrutiny Review of Contextual Safeguarding and Youth Relationships - Progress Update

The Select Committee received a first progress update in respect of its previous scrutiny review of Contextual Safeguarding and Young Relationships. An interactive video as part of the Night Crime Initiative was also shown to Members.

Work was progressing in respect of the actions, most of which were on track. Key issues highlighted were as follows

- Work had been undertaken with Cleveland Police and other partners through the YOT board and the SSP to develop a strategic partnership approach to Risk Outside the Home and particularly youth violence
- The Risk Outside the Home Policy and Guidance was currently under review. Since the scrutiny review the terminology had reverted back to “exploitation” as this was more consistently used amongst partners
- Improvements in case management and planning and support packages had improved significantly since the implementation of this scrutiny action plan
- More work was still needed to develop an understanding of contextual safeguarding and signs and indicators of CE/CSE across the workforce and with elected Members
- Visits were to be arranged to other local authorities where they had Guardians in place to see if this could be replicated or developed in Stockton
- A dedicated team and a Head of Service had been established through the recent review within Children’s Services. This area included, YOT, MACE, a dedicated social work team and adolescence team

AGREED that the progress update be noted, the assessments of progress be confirmed and a further update be provided in due course.

CYP/11/24 Healthwatch Update - Youth Health

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

CYP/12/24 Youth Justice Plan

The Select Committee received a copy of the Youth Justice Plan for 2024/25. The Plan set out the priorities for the forthcoming year and how the Council would work with others to realise the vision and deliver services that promoted positive child outcomes, reduce crime and make communities safer.

The Plan had been developed and agreed by the Youth Justice Partnership Management Board in April. As well as refreshing its vision and strategy, the membership and terms of reference for the Board had been recently reviewed to ensure its continued effectiveness.

In answer to a query from a Member, it was confirmed that the Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Act 1984 placed a duty on the police to transfer children who had been refused bail to local authority accommodation rather than keeping them in the police station overnight. These were often referred to as PACE beds. These beds were only used occasionally and the onus was on the local authority to find safe and secure accommodation. There was a recognised pressure on provision and the Council was looking at options to expand this.

AGREED that the Youth Justice Plan 2024/25 be noted.

CYP/13/24 Scrutiny Review of Narrowing the Gap in Educational Attainment

The Select Committee considered next steps in respect of its current review. As agreed at the last Select Committee meeting, a further stakeholder session had been arranged with one key representative invited from each sector/ group to refine draft recommendations / actions from the review.

The session had been arranged for Friday 6 September and as a result the September meeting of the Committee had been put back later in the month to allow drafting of the Committee's final report following this session.

AGREED that the update be noted.

CYP/14/24 Chair's Update and Work Programme

AGREED that the work programme be noted.

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**Children and Young People Select Committee
Work Programme – 2023-2024**

Date	Item	Attending
17 July 2024	Progress Update – Care Leavers EET Progress Update – Contextual Safeguarding and Youth Relationships Youth Justice Plan	Mandie Rowlands Dave Willingham Miriam Sigsworth
25 September 2024	Review of Narrowing the Gap in Educational Attainment – Final Report Healthwatch Update – Youth Health	Vanessa Housley Eddie Huntington Janet Bradley
16 October 2024	Review of HAF – Scope and Project Plan	
13 November 2024	Review of HAF – Evidence TBC Review of Narrowing the Gap in Educational Attainment – Action Plan	
11 December 2024	Review of HAF – Evidence TBC	
15 January 2025	Review of HAF – Evidence TBC	
12 February 2025	Review of HAF – Summary of Evidence TBC	
12 March 2025	Review of HAF – Final Report TBC	

Items to be scheduled each year

Annual

Overview of Children and Young People's Services and Annual Safeguarding Report

Six Monthly

Children and Young People Performance Reports

Progress Updates

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