

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

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 8 February 2023.

**Present:** Cllr Carol Clark (Chair), Cllr Clare Gamble, Cllr Lauriane Povey, Cllr Stephen Richardson, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Sally Ann Watson

**Officers:** David Willingham, Kellie Wigley (Ch'S), Jane Edmends, Haleem Ghafoor (F,D&R), Judy Trainer (CS)

**Apologies:** Cllr Barbara Inman (Vice Chair), Cllr Dan Fagan, Cllr Ray Godwin

### **1 Evacuation Procedure**

The Evacuation and Housekeeping Procedure was noted.

### **2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3 Minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2023**

AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **4 Children and Young People – Performance Update**

This item was deferred to the March meeting.

### **5 Initial Progress Update – Scrutiny Review of Child Poverty**

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

Key issues highlighted and discussed were as follows:

- The update was being presented to the Select Committee earlier than usual due to the forthcoming local elections and therefore the completion dates for actions had not yet passed; progress against actions was, however, confirmed as on track with significant progress demonstrated in all areas
- As the cost of living crisis was worsening, actions to provide the necessary support were evolving. Future progress updates would therefore be presented in the context of wider work

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

## **6 Progress Update – Scrutiny Review of Care Leavers EET**

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

Key issues highlighted and discussed were as follows:

- Data used to be recorded on an annual basis but was now live data; continuous tracking had led to significant improvements and transformation
- New structures had brought teams together to meet demand and capacity; a clear vision allowed for workers to ensure that the child remained at the centre of the plan
- There had been an increase in young people moving towards Employment, Education and Training; performance was now above the national average

AGREED

- (1) That recommendation 3 be signed off as fully achieved, subject to confirmation that the Council has engaged with two major employers to champion young people leaving care.
- (2) That the remaining assessments of progress be confirmed, subject to recommendations 1, 4 and 5 being signed off as fully achieved and a further progress update be submitted to the Select Committee in due course.

## **7 Chair's Update and Work Programme**

AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.