

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday 17 July 2018 at 6.00pm in Meeting Room G3/4, Addenbrook House, Ironmasters Way, Telford, TF3 4NT 7

Present: Councillors K Guy (Chair); S Barnes, E A Clare, J A Francis, and co-optees Sherrel Fikeis, Lynn Fowler.

Also Present: S Worthington, Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer - TWC.

CYPSC-01 Apologies for Absence

Councillors E J Greenaway, J Jones, J A Pinter, S J Reynolds, K L Tomlinson; Co-optee C Healy

CYPSC-02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr J A Francis declared an interest in the Work Programme item of Nursery funding, as the owner of a nursery.

CYPSC-03 Minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2018

The Minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate record with one amendment to include Cllr K L Tomlinson, who was in attendance for the meeting and that Cllr E A Clare had sent apologies.

CYPSC-04 Work Programme Report and Terms of Reference

The Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference as delegated by Full Council on 25 May 2017 and endorsed by the Scrutiny Management Board.

The Work Programme suggestions for 2018/19 had been considered by the Scrutiny Management Board on 5 June 2018 and referred to the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee to decide which issues should be included in the Committee's Work Programme. It was acknowledged that four formal meetings had been allocated for the municipal year, although this did not include any informal or sub-group meetings which could be held to gather evidence as part of a review, briefing meetings or regional/external scrutiny meetings.

It was noted that there should be some flexibility in the work programme to allow for important issues that emerged during the year. The Committee agreed to:

- School transport – Members agreed questions could be posed to officers and circulated to Committee Members.
- Nursery Funding – Members agreed to research into the issue and report back to the Committee, with the aim of writing to the MP.

- Child Sexual Exploitation – numerous suggestions had been received to ensure this item remained on the work programme, however, concern had been raised regarding any impact on the independent enquiry.

Additional topics discussed included:

- Bullying in Schools – Members agreed this was a significant topic. Members requested information regarding how many incidents of bullying were recorded in schools and how these incidents were managed.
- Grey, unofficial exclusions – how many children were being unofficially excluded from school and home educated.
- Education Attainment – An update to be brought to the next committee.
- Young Carers – What support that is given to young carers within the Borough.

CYPSC-05 Chair's Update

The Chair advised that there was no additional information to share.

The meeting ended: 6.29pm

Chairman:

Date: