



City and County of Swansea

Notice of Meeting

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

People Policy Development Committee

At: Remotely via Microsoft Teams

On: Wednesday, 17 March 2021

Time: 4.00 pm

Chair: Councillor Ceri Evans

Membership:

Councillors: M C Child, J P Curtice, S J Gallagher, P R Hood-Williams, Y V Jardine, E T Kirchner, G J Tanner, L V Walton and T M White

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4 Development of a Volunteers Strategy. (Verbal)	
5 Young Carers Strategy. (Verbal update)	
6 Work Plan 2020-2021.	4

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 21 April 2021 at 4.00 pm

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Huw Evans'.

Huw Evans
Head of Democratic Services
Wednesday, 10 March 2021

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Agenda Item 3



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **People Policy Development Committee**

Remotely via Microsoft Teams

Wednesday, 17 February 2021 at 4.00 pm

Present: Councillor C R Evans (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

S J Gallagher
E T Kirchner
T M White

Councillor(s)

P R Hood-Williams
G J Tanner

Councillor(s)

Y V Jardine
L V Walton

Officer(s)

Gavin Evans

Principal Officer for Early Help, Partnership and Young People

Simon Jones

Social Services Strategy and Performance Improvement Officer

Allison Lowe

Democratic Services Officer

Lisa Thomas

Senior Lawyer

Jane Whitmore

Strategic Lead Commissioner

Also Present:

Egija Cinovska, Young Carers Project Co-ordinator, Swansea YMCA

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): J P Curtice

15 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City & County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

16 Minutes:

Resolved that the Minutes of the People Policy Development Committee held on 20 January 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

17 Young Carers Strategy.

Gavin Evans, Principal Officer for Early Help, Partnership and Young People had provided a number of powerpoint slides in relation to the Young Carers Strategy.

The slides outlined:

- An overview of the Strategy development;
- Areas being developed in the Strategy;
- Strategy aims / purpose:
 - To increase the awareness of Young Carers;
 - To increase the identification of Young Carers;
 - To ensure the right support at the right time;
- Outcomes and measures;
- Next steps

Egija Cinovska, the Young Carers Project Co-ordinator in Swansea YMCA provided additional information in relation to the National Young Carers ID card scheme. She explained that the card could be utilised by the Young Carers at school, for instances where there was a need to finish school early or attend late due to caring responsibilities, or alternatively if they had been unable to complete any homework. In addition, it was hoped that the card could be used at pharmacies so that a young carer could collect medication for their dependant, as well as being able to use it for reduced cost on public transport should they need to escort a dependant to any scheduled appointment. The ID card scheme would be on a voluntary take up basis.

The Principal Officer for Early Help, Partnership and Young People informed the Committee that Swansea YMCA had been successful in the re-commissioning of the Young Carers service for the next 3 years.

The Committee made comments and asked various questions of the officers, which were responded to accordingly.

The Chair thanked the officers for their informative presentation.

Resolved that the presentation be noted.

18 Co-production Strategy as a Tool to Develop the Young Carers Strategy. (Presentation)

Jane Whitmore, Strategic Lead Commissioner provided a presentation in relation to how the Co-production Strategy could be utilised as a tool to develop the Young Carers Strategy.

She outlined:

- The aim of the Strategy which had been designed by our citizens;
- The background;
- Embedding Co-production Journey;
- The involvement of children and young people;
- What is meant by coproduction;
- Its principles;
- What is not coproduction;

- The difference between coproduction and consultation/engagement and education;
- How coproduction can work;
- How coproduction can develop a Young Carers Strategy.

The Chair thanked the Officer for her presentation and stated that the People Policy Development Committee should adopt the Coproduction Strategy process for all its future work plan items.

Resolved that the presentation be noted.

19 Work Plan 2020-2021.

The Chair outlined the Work Plan for 2020-2021.

Resolved that:

- 1) A verbal update on the Young Carers Strategy be provided at the remaining two meetings of the People PDC for 2020-2021;
- 2) "Development of a Volunteers Strategy" be added to the agenda for the next meeting scheduled for 17 March 2021.

The meeting ended at 5.12 pm

Chair

Agenda Item 6



Report of the Chair

People Policy Development Committee – 17 March 2021

Work Plan 2020-2021

Date of meeting	Agenda items and Format
21 October 2020	Recovery Plan - Role of the People Policy Development Committee. (Verbal discussion)
18 November 2020	Draft Work Plan for 2020/2021 – Meeting Inquorate
16 December 2020	Work Plan for 2020/2021
20 January 2021	Young Carers - Ensuring the Wellbeing of Young Carers in the Context of Covid19
17 February 2021	Young Carers - Ensuring the Wellbeing of Young Carers in the Context of Covid19: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Young Carers Strategy;• Co-Production Strategy as a tool to develop the Young Carers Strategy
17 March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Young Carers Strategy (Update)• Development of a Volunteers Strategy
21 April 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Young Carers Strategy (Update)• Development of a Volunteers Strategy

Topic number 1: (Dec 2020-March 2021) Young Carers - Ensuring wellbeing of young carers in the context of Covid19

To develop policy that will:

- Capture young carers' views on the impact Covid19 has had on their wellbeing, with particular reference to the impact of lockdowns;
- Co-produce a range of measures that could better support carers in potential future outbreaks and lockdowns to ensure their wellbeing;
- Identify any changes in service provision implemented during lockdown that worked well;
- Build on existing provision of carers support in the City and County of Swansea;
- Include the views of a range of stakeholders including; Councillors, carers, those that are being cared for, Swansea Carers Centre, third sector providers.

Topics 2 & 3 to be confirmed in due course.