

# **CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EQUALITIES COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, SWANSEA ON WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2014**  
**AT 5.00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor F M Gordon (Chair) presided

**Councillor(s):**

J C Bayliss  
A C S Colburn

**Councillor(s):**

D W Cole  
N J Davies

**Councillor(s):**

T H Rees  
L V Walton

**Also present:**

Cllr J P Curtice - Member Champion for Older People  
Cllr P Lloyd - Member Champion for Disability  
S Bingham - Prevention and Early Intervention Strategic Manager  
S Llewellyn - Flying Start Co-Ordinator  
A Jones - Flying Start Link Teacher  
Y Sugay - Flying Start Health Visitor  
B Ruggiero - Operational Lead Family Services Health Team  
H Piontecki - Childcare Manager

**Officers:**

J Hooper - Directorate Lawyer  
S Hopkins - Policy Development Officer, Access to Services  
E Owen - Access to Services Team Leader  
S Collins - Democratic Services Officer

84. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E T Kirchner, S M Jones and P M Meara.

85. **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

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

86. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Equalities Committee held on 12 February 2014 be agreed as a correct record subject to recording apologies for absence from Councillor L V Walton.

87. **MATTERS ARISING**

**Information for Equalities Committee**

The Policy Development Officer circulated a report to the Committee. The report provided information to address queries raised at the meeting of the Equalities Committee held on 12 February 2014.

**City of Sanctuary Award**

The Chair announced that the City of Sanctuary Award had been awarded to the City and County of Swansea.

88. **PRESENTATION**

The Prevention and Early Intervention Strategic Manager assisted by the Flying Start Co-Ordinator, Flying Start Link Teacher, Flying Start Health Visitor, Childcare Manager and Operational Lead Family Services Health Team, provided a presentation on the Flying Start Programme in Swansea. The presentation focussed on providing an Overview of how Swansea would deliver the model by:

- Targeting at the most deprived areas;
- Focusing on child development;
- Long term outcomes;
- Integrated settings at primary schools;
- Co-located, multi-agency team;
- Key focus on transitions;
- Development of pathways e.g. Early Language Development;
- Enhanced support for children with additional needs;
- Embedding holistic approaches e.g. Team Around the Family;
- Links with wider partners;
- Increasing focus on performance and quality assurance.

Discussions centred around the Flying Start's contribution to the Equality Objectives to reduce the inequalities that exist in the health, education and economic outcomes for children living in poverty, by improving the outcomes of the poorest.

Members asked questions of the Officers and debated the content of the presentation.

The Chair thanked the Flying Staff Officers for the detailed and informative presentation.

The Prevention and Early Intervention Strategic Manager welcomed Members to visit the Flying Start establishment to further view the work in progress.

89. **FEEDBACK/PRESENTATION FROM VISIT ON 4 MARCH 2014**

The Chair provided feedback from the visit to Flying Start on 4 March 2014.

90. **REPORT FROM DISABILITY CHAMPION AND OLDER PEOPLE'S CHAMPION**

Councillor P Lloyd updated Members on his role as Member Champion for Disabled People. He provided information regarding the activities in relation to his role and the positive work undertaken.

Councillor J P Curtice updated Members on her role as Member Champion for Older People. She provided information regarding the activities in relation to her role and the positive work undertaken.

91. **MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

Councillor J C Bayliss updated Members on his role as Member Champion for LGBT. He provided detailed information regarding the activities and the positive work undertaken.

**RESOLVED** that the contents of the feedback report be noted.

92. **WORK PLAN TIMETABLE 2013-2014**

The Chair provided the Work Plan Timetable for discussion.

**RESOLVED** that:

(1) the Work Plan Timetable be noted.

93. **NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL 2014**

**NOTED** that the date of the next meeting be 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 9 April 2014.

The meeting ended at 6.12pm.

**CHAIR**