

Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 4 August 2014

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S RIGHTS SCHEME

Purpose	The committee is provided with the report recently discussed by cabinet on a Children and Young People's Rights Scheme.
Content	The report of the Cabinet Member for Opportunities for Children & Young People is attached. The Director of People, Chris Sivers, will attend to talk about the proposed scheme and answer questions.
Councillors are being asked to	Give views and make recommendations as necessary
Lead Councillor(s)	Councillor Mitch Theaker, Cabinet Member for Opportunities for Children & Young People
Lead Officer(s)	Chris Sivers, Director – People
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 As an outcome from the Cabinet Member Question Session with Councillor Mitchell Theaker at the last committee meeting, the committee asked to see his report on a Children and Young People's Rights Scheme.
- 1.2 Following a Council decision in September 2013 to create a due regard duty and embed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) 1989 within the Authority's Policy Framework, and to mainstream positive approaches to the rights of children and young people within the policy and functions of the City and County of Swansea a draft Children's Rights Scheme for Swansea has been developed. It will provide transparency about the processes that will be followed to comply with the duty, and outlines monitoring procedures and expected outcomes.
- 1.3 Councillor Theaker informed the committee that this report was being discussed by Cabinet at the end of July, and would be followed by a period of public consultation on the draft Scheme (from 1 August to 12 September). The cabinet report is attached as **Appendix 1**.

- 1.4 The committee is asked to give views and make recommendations as necessary. The Director of People, Chris Sivers, will be present to talk about contents of the report and answer question.
- 1.5 The outcomes of the consultation process will inform the development of the final Children and Young People's Rights Scheme which will be considered by Cabinet for approval.

2. Legal Implications

- 2.1 There are no specific legal implications raised by this report.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no specific financial implications raised by this report.

Background Papers: None

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