

Report of the Director of People

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 9 November 2015

REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S RIGHTS SCHEME IN SWANSEA

Purpose	To present the report on the progress of the implementation of the Children & Young People's Rights scheme in Swansea.
Content	This report includes details of; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developing and implementing the Children & Young People's Rights Scheme• Promoting knowledge and understanding of the UNCRC• A whole Council approach to embedding Child Rights• Participation of Children & Young People• Accountability• Next steps
Councillors are being asked to	Give their views on the progress in relation to the Children & Young People's Rights Scheme and how the UNCRC has become embedded in Councils Policy Framework.
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Lead Officer(s)	Chris Sivers – Director of People
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 As outlined in the Children & Young People's Rights Scheme the Council's Scrutiny Programme Committee will assess the work undertaken and the way the scheme is being implemented across the Council and its impact on children and young people.

2. Report

- 2.1 The full report on the progress of the implementation of the Children & Young People's Rights Scheme in Swansea can be found under Appendix 1.
- 2.2 The report covers;
- An overview of how the Children & Young People's Rights Scheme was developed and is being implemented
 - Details of how we have promoted knowledge and understanding of the UNCRC through training and awareness raising sessions
 - How we have taken a whole Council approach to embedding Child Rights
 - The participation of Children & Young People in decisions that affect them (Article 12)
 - Accountability
 - Case studies giving practical examples throughout the report
 - Next steps looking ahead

3. Legal Implications

- 3.1 There are no legal implications.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 Whilst there are no immediate financial implications arising from this report, it should be assumed that any resultant future spending needs will need be contained within existing budget provision and have full and due regard to the budget principles set out in 'Sustainable Swansea – Fit for the Future', the medium term financial plan and the likely levels of future budgets.

Appendix 1:

Report on the compliance and progress of the implementation of the Children & Young People's Rights Scheme

Background Papers:

Children & Young People's Rights Scheme

<http://www.swansea.gov.uk/childrensrightsscheme>

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