



Report of the Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Lifelong Learning

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 9 October 2017

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S RIGHTS SCHEME ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2017

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">• 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 and compliance• Next steps looking ahead
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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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. Annual Report

- 2.1 This report is the third progress report on the due regard duty for embedding the UNCRC into the local authority policy framework and specifically focuses on progress made in the areas outlined in our Action Plan 2016/17.
- 2.2 Both a summary version and the full report on the annual progress of the implementation of the Children & Young People's Rights Scheme in Swansea is **appended**. Comments on the draft report are invited prior to reporting to Council in November.
- 2.3 This report includes:
- 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 and compliance
 - Next steps looking ahead

3. Legal Implications

- 3.1 There are lots of legal issues underpinning UNCRC and children's rights but the report itself doesn't create a legal issue.

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.

Background Papers: Children & Young People's Rights Scheme
<http://www.swansea.gov.uk/childrensrightsscheme>

Appendices: Appendix 1 - Annual report on the progress of the implementation of the Children & Young People's Rights Scheme in Swansea