



## Report of the Cabinet Member for Children Services (Young People)

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 12 November 2018

# Children & Young People's Rights Scheme Annual Progress Report 2018

<b>Purpose</b>	To present the report on the progress of the implementation of the Children & Young People's Rights scheme in Swansea.
<b>Content</b>	<p>This report includes details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An overview of how the Children &amp; Young People's Rights Scheme was developed and is being implemented</li><li>• Details of how we have promoted knowledge and understanding of the UNCRC through training and awareness raising sessions</li><li>• How we have taken a whole Council approach to embedding Child Rights</li><li>• The participation of Children &amp; Young People in decisions that affect them (Article 12)</li><li>• Accountability and compliance</li><li>• Next steps looking ahead</li></ul>
<b>Councillors are being asked to</b>	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 2017/18.
- 2.2 The full report on the annual progress of the implementation of the Children & Young People's Rights Scheme in Swansea is **appended**.
- 2.3 The report covers;

This report includes details of:

- 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>

**Appendix 1:** Annual report implementing the Children & Young People's Rights Scheme in Swansea