



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **People Policy Development Committee**

Committee Room 5 - Guildhall, Swansea

Wednesday, 7 November 2018 at 4.00 pm

Present: Councillor S Pritchard (Vice-Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)
C Anderson

Councillor(s)
C Richards

Officer(s)

Michelle Apthorpe
Chris Francis

Team Manager, Child and Family, Social Services
Principal Business Development and Commissioning
Lead

Jeremy Parkhouse
Lisa Thomas
Gemma Whyley

Democratic Services Officer
Senior Lawyer
Child & Family Services Project Manager

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): C R Evans, P R Hood-Williams, E T Kirchner and M B Lewis

25 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.

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

26 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the People Police Development Committee held on 17 October 2018 be approved and signed as a correct record.

27 Presentation - Current Plans to Improve Transition for Children with Disabilities.

Chris Francis, Principal Business Development and Commissioning Lead, supported by Gemma Whyley, Project Manager and Michelle Apthorpe, Child Disability Team Hub Manager, provided a presentation on Current Plans to Improve Transition for Children with Disabilities. Details included in the presentation were as follows: -

- Introduction;
- Recap on the national drivers for change;
- Recap on the basic process described within the Protocol;

- What do we know about the views of young people and families in these situations?
- Some of the questions we will need to ask of our transition protocol;
- Discussion: Where next?

The Committee asked questions of the Officers, which were responded to accordingly. Discussions centred around the following: -

- Consultation with parents;
- Commissioning review that took place in 2016, the process involved and why transition was not originally included;
- Ensuring the voice of the child is central, similarly to multi-agency cases;
- How transition is always an issue for young people;
- Support of multi-agency partners, agreeing the preferred methods of consultation ;
- Ensuring that the voices of the people that use services (i.e. parents and children) are heard;
- Effectively communicating with the children who use services;
- The need to re-establish the Disability Strategy Group;
- Scheduling the work required into the Committee Work Plan.

Resolved that: -

- 1) The contents of the presentation be noted;
- 2) Officers inform the Chair / Vice-Chair of the timescales for completing the transition work discussed.

28 Work Plan 2018-2019.

The Chair outlined the Work Plan for 2018-2019.

Resolved that the Work Plan for 2018-2019 be **noted**.

The meeting ended at 4.40 pm

Chair