

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

EDUCATION AND YOUNG PEOPLE CABINET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At: Committee Room 5, Guildhall, Swansea

On: Wednesday, 12 October 2016

Time: 4.00 pm

Chair: Councillor Des Thomas

Membership:

Councillors: J P Curtice, C R Doyle, C R Evans, M B Lewis, H M Morris, R V Smith, C Thomas and L V Walton

AGENDA

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- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.
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- 3 Minutes. 1 - 3
To approve & sign the Minutes of the previous meeting(s) as a correct record.
- 4 Youth Offending Team.
- 5 Discussion with Tier 1 Outreach Workers.
- 6 Workplan. 4 - 5

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 9 November 2016 at 4.00 pm



Huw Evans
Head of Democratic Services
5 October 2016

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MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION AND YOUNG PEOPLE CABINET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 5, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON
WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 4.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor D W W Thomas (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

C R Doyle

R V Smith

Councillor(s)

C R Evans

L V Walton

Councillor(s)

M B Lewis

Officer(s)

Jane Whitmore - Interim Head of Poverty and Prevention

Gareth Borsden – Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): J P Curtice and H M Morris & J A Raynor

22 **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.**

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

23 **MINUTES.**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2016 be agreed as a correct record

24 **FEEDBACK FROM VISIT TO PENTREHAFOD COMPREHENSIVE.**

The Chair and Councillor M Lewis reported back on the site visit held earlier in the day to the school.

They outlined and referred to the PACE scheme in place at the school and the excellent progress being made with young people who could be in danger of becoming NEET's.

The Chair indicated that due to the disappointing attendance at the visit he would ask the relevant officers from the school if they could attend a future meeting of the CAC to give a short presentation on the scheme.

25 **DISCUSSION WITH WENDY WILLIAMS (CAREERS WALES) - JOB READINESS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.**

The Chair indicated that the representative from Careers Wales West – Wendy Williams was unable to attend the meeting as she was currently off sick from work, but she had indicated she would be available to attend a future meeting.

RESOLVED that the item be deferred to a future meeting.

26 **PROPOSALS FOR ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AND WITH PARENTS. (VERBAL)**

Jane Whitmore outlined her and her colleague's involvement with the Listening & Participation Scheme with Children & Young People.

She outlined the various ways in which officers currently engage with young people including the Big Conversation and Pupil Voice Forum. She also referred to a previous engagement exercise undertaken with EOTAS pupils as an example.

She indicated that in conjunction with her colleagues they could develop a series of questions and /or engagement exercise relating to the topics that the CAC are interested in, that could be incorporated into one of the future events with young people as outlined above.

Questions could include issues around the following:- What do young people want to learn and achieve, What support do you need to progress, What topics would you wish to study, What are their aspirations for the future.

Following the event, which would probably be held in the new year, analysis of the results and feedback could be given to a future meeting of the CAC. Members of the CAC may be able to attend the session with young people if required.

She indicated that one of the officers involved in developing the successful scheme at Pentrehafod has recently been seconded to the department to further investigate the potential for "rolling out" the good practice to other comprehensive schools. Officers could use the relevant VAP data and number of NEET's in schools to target the roll out at schools in the most need.

The involvement of parents in the success of Pentrehafod scheme was outlined and discussed. The involvement of parents in other schemes would have to be carefully considered.

She referred to similar ongoing schemes at Cefn Hengoed and Dylan Thomas schools.

Members again referred to the over emphasis of academic qualifications for young people and indicated that vocational/practical achievement needs to be promoted as of equal value. The availability of an alternative/appropriate curriculum for young people was reiterated, particularly when they are choosing their options.

Members requested that the recently appointed Pathways Officer attend a future meeting to outline their views and plans for the future.

RESOLVED that

1) officers report back to the CAC in the New Year on the proposals for a consultation exercise with young people.

2) following the exercise a further report be brought back to the CAC on the analysis/outcomes.

3) the new Pathways Officer attend a future meeting of the CAC.

27 **WORKPLAN.**

Members discussed the updates to the draft work programme for the Committee.

Amendments to the schedule as outlined in the previous item and during discussion were noted.

RESOLVED that the amended work programme be noted

The meeting ended at 4.50 pm

CHAIR

Agenda Item 6

Education & Young People Cabinet Advisory Committee – 12 October 2016

WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17

Date	Subject Area	Lead
8 June 2016	Feedback on VAP Data. Literacy Advisor	Lindsay Harvey Sharon Jones
13 July 2016	Update on European Projects EOTAS Legal Update VAP Data Proposed Visit to Pentrehafod Comp	Paul Relf Nick Williams Mike Jones Chair
10 August 2016	Careers Wales to attend re Job Readiness Feedback from School Use of VAP Data. NEETs School Figures	Deferred Lindsay Harvey Jo-Ann Walsh
14 September 2016	Visit to Pentrehafod Comp (1pm) Careers Wales to attend re Job Readiness Proposals for Engaging with Young People and with Parents	Chair Deferred Jane Whitmore
12 October 2016	VAP Data Training (3.00pm) Tier 1 Outreach Workers Youth Offending Team	Mike Jones Gavin Evans Richard Henderson
9 November 2016	Presentation from Pentrehafod School Careers Wales to attend re Job Readiness	Katie Miller Wendy Williams (CW)
14 December 2016		
11 January 2017	Proposals for Engaging with Young People and with Parents	Jane Whitmore

8 February 2017	Update on European Projects	Paul Relf
8 March 2017		
5 April 2017		
Future/Ongoing Topics	<p>Discussion with Secondary Heads Group (SCASH)</p> <p>Young People Entering Employment</p> <p>Another School Visit (tbc)</p> <p>Good Practice in Supporting Young People into Employment</p>	Gavin Evans