



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the Safeguarding Policy Development and Delivery Committee

Committee Room 5, Guildhall, Swansea - Guildhall, Swansea

Wednesday, 15 November 2017 at 4.00 pm

Present: Councillor C R Doyle (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)
S J Gallagher

Councillor(s)
P R Hood-Williams

Councillor(s)
E J King

Officer(s)

Julie Gosney
Jeremy Parkhouse
Chris Sivers
Julie Thomas
Lisa Thomas

Rights Based Approach Co-ordinator
Democratic Services Officer
Director of People
Head of Child & Family Services
Senior Lawyer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): J P Curtice, L James, E T Kirchner and G J Tanner

25 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.

26 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Safeguarding Policy Development & Delivery Committee held on 18 October 2017 be approved as a correct record.

Noted the comments of the Chair regarding the Amendments to the Council Constitution report that would be discussed at Council on 23 November 2017. He added that the report contained proposed amendments to the membership and terms of reference of Policy Development and Delivery Committees. Subject to a decision at Council, the Committee would discuss how it wished to proceed at the next scheduled meeting.

27 Members Update on their Research. (Verbal)

None.

28 Presentation - Corporate Parenting Forum - Roles and Responsibilities.

The Head of Child and Family Services provided a detailed and informative presentation regarding Corporate Parenting Roles and Responsibilities. Details provided included: -

- Who is responsible?
- The 'official' definition
- Lead officers role
- Individual professionals
- 3 key roles as an Elected Member
- All Corporate Parenting responsibilities are being fulfilled
- How well are our Looked After Children doing?
- Feedback the Council have had from children and families
- Identify where things need to improve and make a difference

Discussions centred around consulting with young people; how the work of the strategy gets fed down throughout the Authority; safeguarding out of Authority placements; young people presenting to the Corporate Parenting Board; mentoring provided by former children who experienced care; reporting to school governing bodies; delivering a jointly delivered action plan; number of children who experienced care; and utilising the web based virtual school presentation.

Resolved that: -

- 1) The contents of the presentation be noted;
- 2) The link to the virtual school presentation be circulated to the Committee.

29 Presentation - Children's Views of Services - Super Survey Results and Big Conversations.

The Rights Based Approach Co-ordinator provided a detailed and informative presentation regarding Children's Views of Services – Super Survey Results and Big Conversation. Details provided included: -

- Background and Overview
- Age and Gender Breakdown
- Educational Attendance
- Views of School – Best / Worst Things
- Feeling Safe at School and Transition to Secondary School
- View, Opinions and Children's Rights
- School Councils
- General Health, Emotional and Mental Wellbeing
- Cigarettes, Alcohol and drugs
- Sexual Health, Sex and Relationships Education
- Views of Local Area, Community Safety and Victims of Crime
- Young Carers
- Bullying and Domestic Abuse

Councillors asked questions regarding the content of the presentation, which were responded to accordingly. Discussions centred upon use of / partnership working with Info Nation; pupils chosen for Voice Forum; where children complete CYP Survey; schools not signed up to UNCRC; school governors having access to the overarching report and survey; and types of bullying encountered.

Resolved that: -

- 1) The contents of the presentation be noted;
- 2) The presentation and report be circulated to the Committee.

30 Work Plan 2017-2018.

The Chair presented an updated Work Plan 2017-2018.

He referred to the next scheduled meeting on 20 December 2017 and outlined that the Committee would discuss how it wished to proceed, which would inform the Work Plan between January and April 2018.

He added that an informal meeting had been scheduled for 3pm on 23 November to discuss the Adult Services Review of Commissioning Strategies for Learning Disabilities, Physical Disabilities and Mental Health.

Resolved that the contents of the report be noted.

The meeting ended at 5.35 pm

Chair