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Councillor Joyce Barrow
Young People's Scrutiny Committee Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1.0 Summary

1.1 This is an overview of the work of the Young People's Scrutiny Committee during 2015-16 and its plans for the forthcoming year.

2.0 What has been done?

2.1 The Committee met formally on 9 occasions during the last municipal year.

2.2 During the year the Committee has received reports on the following subjects:

- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Changes to the provision of Youth Services
- Provision of Child Care and Early Years Provision
- Schools' Sustainability
- West Mercia Youth Justice Plan
- Special Educational Needs Hub Provision
- Child Health Data
- Transfer of Commissioning for 0 – 5 Health Visiting Services and Family Nurse Partnership
- The Oversight of Children who are Educated at home or who are Missing from Education
- Safeguarding arrangements in Independent Schools

- Financial Strategy
 - The Contribution of Schools to the Early Help and Child Protection Services
 - Post 16 Provision and Funding in schools with Sixth Form Provision and Colleges
 - The rate of referrals and re-referrals to Children's Social Care
 - Shropshire Safeguarding Children's Board Annual report
 - Social care support for Children with Disabilities
 - Promotion of physical activity
 - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) update
 - Health Visitor Service and Family Nurse Partnership Update
 - Management and costs of placements for Children in Local Authority Care
- 2.3 The Committee also received and commented on regular updates on the performance of Children's Services including data on Looked After Children [LAC], children on a Child Protection Plan, children in need, referrals to safeguarding and educational outcomes.
- 2.4 The Committee also received presentation as follows:
- "Hearing the Voice of the Child" from a pupil who had experienced bullying, who related her experiences of being bullied, how she had been helped by her school, and how she was now helping other pupils who were being bullied.
 - Diabetes Awareness campaign by the Shropshire Young Health Champions.
- 2.5 During the year the Task and Finish Group on Childhood Obesity concluded its work and its recommendations were adopted by Council. As a result of one of the Group's recommendations the 'Maternity, Adoption and Surrogacy Adoption Leave' Policy was updated to include additional policy statements in respect of breastfeeding at work which would support Shropshire Council employees continuing to breastfeed following their return to work.
- 2.6 In addition to the formal work of the Committee, the Chairman holds regular meetings with Portfolio Holders and Senior Officers to discuss matters that may merit scrutiny involvement.

3.0 Future Plans

- 3.1 The Committee will continue to receive reports and have input on the transformation and redesign of elements of Children's Services as these are being rolled out.
- 3.2 The Committee will also continue to monitor the performance of Children's Services.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Reports to Young People's Scrutiny Committee 2015/16

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights act 1998

Environmental Appraisal

There are no environmental issues relating to this report.

Risk Management Appraisal

There are no risks associated with this report.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

Consultation is a component of Scrutiny work to collect information to support the development of conclusions and recommendations.

Cabinet Members

Councillor David Minnery, Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People.

Councillor Nick Bardsley, Deputy Portfolio Holder for Education

Councillor Karen Calder, Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing.

Local Member/s

All

Appendices

None