Agenda Item No: 4

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE COMMITTEE

Minutes-Action Log



Introduction:

This log captures the actions arising from Children and Young People Service Committee meetings and updates Members on progress. Updates received since publication on 29 April 2020 are shown in red text.

Minutes of the meeting on 21 January 2020					
291.	Service Director Education's Report: Educational Outcomes	Jon Lewis	A planned briefing in December 2019 on local Member involvement in schools had been cancelled due to officer illness and would be rescheduled in the New Year.	 03.02.20: A Members' Seminar will be utilised. Awaiting confirmation of the next available date. 30.04.20: The Members' Seminar programme is on hold. The programme content will be revisited when it is reinstated. 	No further action
		Jon Lewis	To consider setting up a forum in Wisbech to look at why some children experiencing deprivation were able to attain positive outcomes and some did not. The example was given of the difference in outcomes at Peckover Primary School and St Peter's Junior School in Wisbech. The Chairman suggested this might be discussed more fully at the Educational Achievement Board.	03.02.20: The next Educational Achievement Board meeting is planned for 7 May 2020 and an update will be circulated to Members after that meeting.	Update to be circulated in September 2020.
		Jon Lewis	Asked what synergy existed between the work on young people not in education, employment of training (NEET) being carried out by the Combined Authority with that done by the local authority. Officers suggested requesting a report from the Combined Authority.	03.02.20: A report has been requested from the Combined Authority. 30.04.20: Report awaited.	On-going

293.	Agenda Plan, Appointments and Training Plan	Lou Williams	Councillor Hay expressed interest in the Fostering Panel vacancy and the Committee endorsed her appointment, subject to the planned review of the future composition of the Fostering Panel. Officers would liaise with Councillor Hay on this direct and keep the Committee informed.	 21.02.20: Cllr Hay is no longer able to take up this appointment. 11.03.20: A peer review of the Fostering Panel is taking place and the position will be held vacant pending the outcome of that review. 30.04.20: This has been delayed due to Covid-19, but there are plans underway to establish a limited virtual peer review if possible later in the summer. 	On hold
		Jon Lewis	Members sought clarification of which if any of the Outcome Focused Reviews (OFRs) to which the Committee had made appointments were still in operation and whether the Cambridgeshire Music OFR Member Reference Group had concluded its work.	07.02.20: An update on the status of the OFRs to which CYP made appointments requested from the Transformation Team. An email was circulated to Committee members on 28.10.19 confirming that the Member Reference Group's work ceased at the point at which the report was presented to the Commercial and Investment Committee.	Completed
303.	Schools Funding Formula 2020/21	Cllr Downes	To share the work being done by the F40 Group with the Committee for information.	30.04.20: A report by Cllr Downes circulated to committee members by email.	Completed
		Jon Lewis	The Committee asked that the published consultation document be set out in plain English and avoiding the use of jargon and clichés.	30.04.20: This request is noted.	Completed

304.	Corporate Parenting Annual Report 2019/20	Fiona van den Hout	Members asked about the gender differential for those identified as at risk of gang exploitation. Officers stated that any young person identified as at risk would be receiving support, but accepted that it would be helpful in future reports to include more narrative around this and what was being done to address it.	06.04.20: This will be reflected in future reports.	Completed
305	Service Director's Report: Children and Safeguarding	Dee Revens	The Vice Chairwoman commented that it would be useful for Members to learn more about the work of foster carers and suggested that some training on this be offered.	10.04.20: Add to the committee training plan. Date to be programmed.	Completed
		John Heron	The Vice Chairwoman suggested that the marketing campaign to attract more in-house foster carers could be more forceful to enable it to compete effectively with that of independent fostering organisations and suggested looking again at social media advertising.	30.04.20: A new marketing campaign has been designed to support the recruitment of foster carers, with both traditional and social media attraction strategies now being used. The Council has featured on both radio and television over the last two weeks to take advantage of Fostering Fortnight. This is now led across both Councils and is supported by new Recruitment posts to reinforce the campaign.	Completed

306.	Best Start in Life Update	Wendi Ogle- Welbourn	Members asked whether the National Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey statement referenced in the report that one in three children in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough were living in a household where an adult had a moderate or higher mental health issue was correct. Members also asked for clarification of what was considered to be a moderate mental health issue in this context.	01.05.20: Update circulated to committee members by email.	Completed
		Jon Lewis	Members commented that this initiative would be of particular relevance to Opportunity Areas and suggested that it should formally be raised with them.	30.04.20 – A request has been made to present the BSiL work at a future Opportunity Area Board meeting as part of their work on legacy planning for when the OA project concludes.	Update in September 2020