

Children and Young People Committee Action Log

Purpose:

This log captures the actions recorded in the minutes of Children and Young People Committee meetings, and updates Members on progress.

Minutes of the Meeting on 30 November 2021

41.	Free School Proposal – Wisbech Secondary School	J Lewis	The Chair endorsed the suggestion that an invitation should be extended to the new Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) to meet committee members.	<p>The new RSC, Jonathan Duff, took up post on 1 April 2022 so a meeting in Autumn 2022 would be suggested. Service Director for Education has approached the RSC's office to agree a date.</p> <p>05.07.22: The Director of Education would provide an update before the Committee's next meeting.</p> <p>14.09.22: Potential dates have been shared with the RSC's office.</p> <p>11.04.24: Director of Education to offer dates to the Regional Schools Commissioner.</p>	In progress
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Minutes of the meeting on 5 July 2022

87.	Proposed approach to developing capacity for school placements for children with SEND	J Lewis	The Director of Education offered a briefing note around teaching assistants and encouraging diversity within this group	<p>26.09.22: Director of Education to review Workforce Census and circulate briefing note. December 2022.</p> <p>22.11.22: The workforce census publication date has been delayed. A briefing note will be circulated when this is available in Spring 2023.</p> <p>15.02.23: Data currently not available.</p> <p>12.04.23: The Department for Education is expected to publish data in June 2023 (exact date TBC). A briefing note to be prepared and circulated by August 2023.</p>	In progress
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Minutes of the meeting on 8 March 2023

140.	Finance Monitoring Report	Elaine Redding	Requested data on the previous international social worker intake including how many of those individuals were still working for the Council, and on-going data for the new cohort.	<p>07.06.23: The previous intake of international social workers was undertaken in October 2018 when 14 people joined us. Between March 2020 and August 2022 7 people left with 7 remaining today, therefore the shortest tenure was 18 months.</p> <p>Through the recent process, we offered employment to 15 people of which 13 initially accepted. One has withdrawn due to the challenge of affordability of relocating family. The significant cost of living generally plus accommodation costs across some parts of the County is proving a challenge for the programme. It is hoped that the 12 international social workers</p>	Completed
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				will proceed and join us around September this year.	
		Elaine Redding Martin Purbrick	The Interim Executive Director of Children's Services stated that the contract for recruiting international social workers was robust in terms of delivery and quality and included an induction programme to familiarise staff with Council practice and the local area. She would be happy to share more information on this with Committee members outside of the meeting.		

Minutes of the meeting on 25 April 2023

151.	Future of Great Gidding Primary School	Jonathan Lewis	Officers undertook to bring back a report on learning from the closure of Great Gidding Primary School.	07.06.23: This is targeted to be brought back in June 2024. We have developed a process of data collection and will be collecting information from next term. It will be added to the 2024/25 committee agenda plan.	Completed
		Fran Cox	To note Great and Little Gidding Parish Council's wish that the school playground should become a play area for local children and its request to be kept informed of any developments with regards to the school site.	07.06.23: This information has been passed to the strategic assets team who are handling the disposal of the school site.	Completed

152.	Passenger Transport Policy Review	Richenda Greenhill	The Chair's written response to the petition calling on the Council to review the current school transport provision from Great Gransden to Comberton Village College would be shared with all members of the committee.	11.05.23: Circulated electronically to committee members.	Completed
153.	Committee agenda plan, training plan and appointments	Elaine Redding Martin Purbrick	A member suggested that a factual briefing should be arranged on complex matters before committee discussions.	19.06.23: Noted.	Completed
		Fran Cox/ Stephanie Miller/ Emma Nederpel	The Chair stated that a briefing session had been requested on education transport matters.	07.06.23: This will be added to the committee training plan.	Completed
		Rhiannon Leighton	Officers undertook to send committee members a link to recordings of previous committee training sessions.	27.04.23: A link circulated to committee members.	Completed