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 8 March 2023

140.	Finance	Elaine	The Interim Executive Director of	
	Monitoring	Redding	Children's Services stated that the	
	Report		contract for recruiting international	
		M Purbrick	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. They	
			would be happy to share more	
			information on this with Committee	
			members outside of the meeting.	

Minutes of the meeting on 27th June 2023

158.	Implementation of a Post 16 Provision Framework	M Purbrick	Officers would be reminded of the need to explain acronyms and technical terms in public reports.	20.11.23: Officers have been reminded of this by the Executive Director.	Completed
159.	Draft Residential Services Strategy	B Relph	Asked how long children and young people in the County's care were spending in residential homes.		

162.	Children, Education and Families Directorate Risk Register	M Purbrick	To provide further information around anticipated numbers of students at the new social work academy.	20.11.23: Data forecast shared electronically with committee members.	Completed	
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Minutes of the meeting on 10th October 2023

166.	Minutes 27 th June 2023 and Minutes Action Log	M Purbrick	The minutes of the meeting on 27 th June 2023 were approved as an accurate record, subject to clarification of the trend over time in the number of children and young people in the Council's care referenced at minute 159.	27.10.23: Data on numbers of children in care circulated electronically to committee members for information.	Completed
166.	Minutes 27 th June 2023 and Minutes Action Log	M Purbrick	Some actions had not been updated since the last meeting, and the Chair asked that this should be done	20.11.23: All actions under review.	
168.	Supported Accommodation Services for Young People in care aged 16+	T Parker	Asked about the number of young people in supported accommodation in Cambridgeshire by district. Officers offered to provide this information outside of the meeting.		
168.	Supported Accommodation Services for Young People	T Parker	The Chair endorsed a request that officers report back on the new arrangements to provide assurance that all was going well		

	in care aged 16+				
170.	Early Years Funded Entitlement and Wraparound Expansion Update	J Lewis	Asked whether the Council offered any business advice to EY settings. Officers confirmed that advice and guidance on sustainability and support was provided as part of the offer from the Council's EY team. Information on how to access this was available on the Council's website, and a link to this would be shared with the committee.	20.11.23: Early Years and Childcare settings have access to a full range of set up and ongoing leadership, business and governance support advice and guidance. There is a small sustainability grant available when settings can demonstrate they are at immediate risk of closure but have a sustainable future if gap funded. The full support offer is available on the Learn Together site. https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/cambridgeshire-early-years-and-childcare/business-and-governance	Completed
170.	Early Years Funded Entitlement and Wraparound Expansion Update	J Lewis	Asked about the potential implications for those families in receipt of benefits. The Director of Education offered to look at what the proposals would mean for groups on different incomes.	20.11.23: Links with DWP have been made and a full report will be available on the impact of families accessing benefits in January 2024.	Completed
170.	Early Years Funded Entitlement and Wraparound Expansion Update	J Lewis	Noted the complexity of the issue and the resourcing and capacity challenges which lay ahead and asked how this would be progressed in terms of risk management by the Committee, potential regional variations in access and quality of provision and whether reports would be provided as the situation evolved to examine where it was working and not working. The Director of	20.11.23: We are at initial stages of modelling and are working to understand parental choice, willingness to expand given that no financial information is available from the DfE to date. A full position statement will be presented at the January CYP meeting.	Completed

			Education stated that the sufficiency aspect geographically was key. It was probably possible to predict where there would be challenges, and he was happy to provide a report on that, focusing on geography.		
171.	Special Educational Needs Service and Safety Valve update	J Lewis	The proportion of children with SEND was growing faster than the population increase, and these figures could be provided outside of the meeting.	20.11.23: From January 2018 to January 2023, the pupil population in Cambridgeshire schools grew 8%. In the same period, the number of children with Education Health and Care Plans grew by 83%.	Completed
172.	Preparation for Children's Inspection Readiness Activity	M Purbrick	The outcomes of the self- evaluation work and independent review by ECC would be shared with members once complete		
173.	Agenda plan, training plan and appointments	J Lewis	A member briefing was suggested on the role of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE), and the Council's statutory responsibilities.	20.11.23: The briefing will be organised for the Spring term and added to the member training calendar.	Completed