

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 Monitoring Report	Elaine Redding M 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. They would be happy to share more information on this with Committee members outside of the meeting.	02.01.24: Three International social workers will be joining mid-January 2024 and a full induction programme has been developed. Different models for future recruitment of international social workers are being considered.	Completed
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Minutes of the meeting on 27th June 2023

159.	Draft Residential Services Strategy	B. Relph R Chambers	Asked how long children and young people in the County’s care were spending in residential homes.	07.01.24: The average of those children currently placed in a Residential home is 585 days, with the longest having been in their current placement since 01/06/2016. 27 of the 48 currently in a residential home have been placed there for over 1 year.	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	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/ C Howard	Asked about the number of young people in supported accommodation in Cambridgeshire by district. Officers offered to provide this information outside of the meeting.	There are currently 102 young people in supported accommodation. 82 of these are living outside of Cambridgeshire, including 52 in Peterborough. 13 young people are living in Cambridge City and 7 in Fenland district.	Completed
168.	Supported Accommodation Services for Young People in care aged 16+	T Parker/ C Howard	The Chair endorsed a request that officers report back on the new arrangements to provide assurance that all was going well	04.01.24: The tender is currently live with a closing date of 2 nd February 2024. There are currently over 30 submitted applications at this point.	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	02.01.24: The Essex Sector Led Improvement will conclude in January 2024, ending with two learning events for staff to attend to hear the overarching feedback and attend workshop around the key areas for development. The work by Essex has underpinned our development and recent launch of the 'Big 6 Spotlight' areas of focus to staff. A full report will be shared with Members as soon as it is available.	On-going

Minutes of the meeting on 28th November 2023

178.	Regional Director – Department for Education	J Lewis	The Chair stated that copies of the dashboard data and Key Stage 2 data would be sent to the Regional Director for information.	02.01.24: This data has been shared with the Department for Education.	Completed
180.	Draft Small Schools Strategy	J Lewis/ R Pinion	A member asked if having a high percentage of pupils from out of catchment was a common feature amongst small schools, or if Great Gidding had been an outlier on this. Officers offered a response on this outside of the meeting.	02.01.24: The percentage of out of catchment students attending the red rated small schools ranges between 20% and 49%. This compared with Great Giddings' out of catchment population being 83% in January 2023. Therefore, Great Gidding was an outlier in this regard.	Completed