

TERMS OF REFERENCE – EDEN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S WORKING GROUP

A Working Group for County Councillors in Eden to discuss issues and opportunities for young people

LISTENING TO YOUNG PEOPLE

It will use intelligence and data gathered through the work of Schools Councils, Eden Youth Council, Member of Youth Parliament, Cumbria Youth Commission and other forums which give young people in Eden a voice to identify priorities.

Taking these priorities, the Working Group may undertake further research and develop more detailed consultation to determine how best to develop its work.

WORK STRATEGICALLY

It will support the development of work relating to children and young people which aligns to outcomes of the Council Plan, Eden Area Plan and the Eden Health and Wellbeing Forum.

It will gather intelligence to aid Local Committee on decision making with regard to children and young people’s issues across the district. Eden Local Committee will receive a verbal update on the work of the Working Group at each meeting via the Children’s Champion.

It may also scrutinise and aim to influence issues relating to Council Services which impact on young people.

CORPORATE PARENTING ROLE

It will be a forum for Elected Members to develop their role as Corporate Parents and help them provide the best possible care and safeguarding for the children who are looked after by Cumbria County Council.

0-19 FUNDING

It will make funding recommendations through the 0-19 budget to Eden Local Committee on the extent to which projects meet the priorities of the Children and Young People’s Working Group. Those priorities must also be aligned with the County Council strategic priority ‘To safeguard children, and ensure that Cumbria is a great place to be a child and grow up’.

It will also work strategically to identify and fund projects which fit the priorities.

11-19 FUNDING

It will monitor and evaluate the 11-19 budget which is delegated to Local Committee to set up Universal Youth Clubs.

CHAIR

The Children's Champion will be the Chair of the group and shall remain in office for the life of the Council, after which the position will be open to re-election.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership will consist of 3 members including the Eden Local Committee Children's Champion. All members of the Eden Children and Young People's Working Group have equal standing.

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

The appointment of substitutes is allowed on those occasions when a member of the Working Group is unable to attend a meeting.

SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS

The Eden Children and Young People's Working Group will be supported by the Eden Area Manager and the Community Development Team. Decisions and actions for each meeting will be logged, and reported back to Eden Local Committee.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

Meetings will be held approximately 3 weeks before Eden Local Committee meeting and diarised in advance.

ADMISSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS TO MEETINGS

None of Eden Local Committee Working Groups are open to the public and press.

The Working Group does not come within the definition subscribed by section 100(j) (2) of the Local Government Act 1972, in that it has not been constituted under any enactment as a corporate body and does not discharge functions of two or more principal Councils, it does not fall within the provisions of the admission of the press and public to meetings or access to information.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Members should disclose personal and/or prejudicial interests relating to any agenda items

CO-OPTION

The Working Group can co-opt other persons; representatives of agencies; members of the community; specialist technical advisers; or any other persons having regard to any support they can offer the working group

CONFIDENTIALITY

Due to the nature of the work, the Working Group will adhere to a strict code of confidentiality regarding information on individual young people and their families. Any issues surrounding Child Protection will be dealt with through County Council policies and procedures.