

SCRUTINY ADVISORY BOARD – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Meeting date: 12th February 2018

From: Executive Director Corporate, Customer and Community Services

Board Briefing

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To update Scrutiny on the activity of the Board and relevant items in the Cabinet Forward Plan.

2.0 Issues for Scrutiny

2.1 To note the contents of the discussion on School Admissions.

2.2 To suggest items for the 2019 Scrutiny Advisory Board agenda.

2.3 To consider the item referred from Scrutiny Performance Working Group (see 3.3 below).

3.0 Background

3.1 Since December's meeting, Members of SMB were involved in a call-in of Cabinet's decision relating to the school placements policy. The call-in concerned establishing a dual catchment area within Copeland, and SMB agreed to uphold the Cabinet decision.

3.2 On 31 January Members of the Board joined the Corporate Parenting Board in a presentation on Signs of Safety. This is an internationally recognised method for working with families to prevent escalation of children's social care intervention, and is being rolled out across Cumbria. Members found the presentation useful in giving an insight into how professionals were working with families. The presentation has been attached as an appendix.

3.3 At the last Scrutiny Board Members agreed to the following items:

- A task and finish group on the impact of changes to SEND arising from the Children and Families Act (2014)

- A joint private meeting with Health Scrutiny to look at the 0-19 commissioning changes ahead of it going to Cabinet in March.
- Deep dives over the year on – Curriculum for Life and Digital Wellbeing; Child Poverty and Impact of Apprenticeship programmes.

3.4 The following items relevant to the Board are on the Cabinet Forward Plan:

ITEM	RELEVANT CABINET MEMBER	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	CABINET	PART 1/2
Cabinet Reports (7/2/19)			7/2/19	
Regional Adoption Agency - Outline Business Case	Anne Burns	John Macilwraith (Sue Reay)	7/2/19	2
Proposed expansion of Thursby Primary School	Sue Sanderson	John Macilwraith (Mary Ochani / Caroline McLeod)	21/3/19	1
Schools Maintenance - Liabilities and Funding	David Southward / Peter Thornton / Sue Sanderson	Angela Jones (Caroline Leigh / Allan Harty)	21/3/19	1
Corporate Performance Monitoring Report - Quarter 3 2018/19	Stewart Young	Julie Crellin (Emma Graham)	21/3/19	1
Integration of Early Help Services and Healthy Child Programme.	Deborah Earl	John Macilwraith (Colin Cox)	21/3/19	1
Joint Public Health Strategy				
Regional Adoption Agency - Full Business Case	Anne Burns	John Macilwraith (Ruth McHugh)	25/4/19	2

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Appendices

Presentation to Corporate Parenting Board on Signs of Safety.

Previous Relevant Council or Executive Decisions
[including Local Committees]

No previous relevant decisions.

Background Papers

No background papers.

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