

SCRUTINY ADVISORY BOARD – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Meeting date: 20 December 2019

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 consultation on changes to School Placements.

2.2 To note items currently on the Scrutiny Forward Plan and seek agreement for the Chair to work with the incoming Executive Director People and Cabinet lead members to develop items for the Board's Forward Plan for 2020-1.

2.3 To consider the Making Your Mark Report and consider how to use this to inform the work of the Board. To confirm with the Board whether they would like to receive a future item on Young People's concerns around the Environment.

3.0 Background

3.1 Each year the Council consults on any changes to school placements. In previous years this issue has been of interest to scrutiny, including two Call-ins. For 2019-20 the changes are minor, and the proposals have been appended to this report.

3.2 Currently the Board's Forward Plan covers the February meeting, and Members are asked to agree the Chair meets with the in-coming Executive Director for People and the Portfolio Holders in February/March to agree agenda items for the Boards for 2020-1. Current items include:

- Autism – to have an update from the Assistant Director Education and Skills on progress in relation to the outcomes of the Task and Finish Group on Autism.

- Preparation for Adulthood – to hear from the Assistant Director progress in looking at transition to adulthood.
- School Improvement – to hear from the Senior Manager School Improvement on 2019 attainment, and progress in addressing disadvantage and the pupil premium.

3.3 Attached to this report is the national Making Your Mark Survey. This is an annual exercise run by the UK Youth Parliament. Approximately 800,000 young people in the country voted on the issues that were most important to them. Cumbria stood out as having one of the highest turn out rates in the UK.

Top UK Issues and Votes for Young People in Cumbria 2019

- (1) Protect the environment**
- (2) Votes at 16**
- (3) Tackling hate crime**

Priority No	UK Issue	Votes
1	Protect the environment	7183
2	Votes at 16	2150
3	Tackling hate crime	2055
4	Make the UNCRC Statutory Law	1009
5	Welcome refugees	1295
TOTAL		13,692

Top Devolved Issues and Votes for Young People in Cumbria 2019

- (1) Mental Health**
- (2) Put an end to knife crime**
- (3) Curriculum to Prepare us for Life**

1	Curriculum to Prepare Us for Life	2508
2	Tackle child poverty	2374
3	Mental Health	4006
4	Top street Harassment	967
5	Put an end to knife crime	3847
TOTAL		13,702

- 3.4 At the previous Board Members showed an interest in hearing directly from young people about their concerns for the Environment. The Board are asked if they would like to receive a future item on this.

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Appendices

Consultation on School Places.

Previous Relevant Council or Executive Decisions [including Local Committees]

No previous relevant decisions.

Background Papers

No background papers.

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